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THE MATINEE AT ABC NO RIO

156 RIVINGTON NYC

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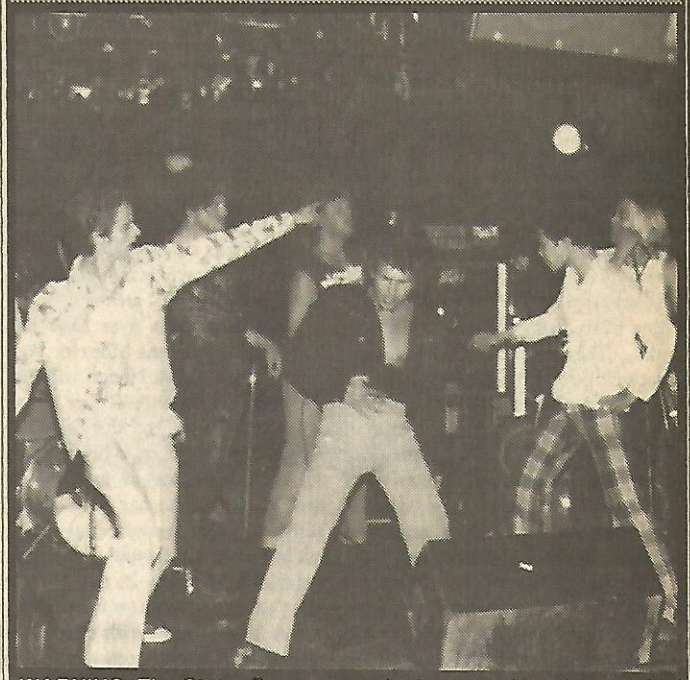

WARNING: The Glitter Punx are on the loose and leaving a trail of desturction in their wake--before you know it you too may be swaying your hips to the cries of "Fuck hardcore, let's disco!" Remember to send in thos pictures for page three! If you're outrageous enough, we'll print it here next issue and you'll get a reward for being punk as fuck--if we don't print it, you will at least get a prime spot in our photo album! The prize for next issue is copies of the excellent "Poll Tax Riot" booklet!

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MOHAWK STAND-OFF ENDS, SUPPORT STILL URGENTLY NEEDED

Solidarity is strength. This is not merely rhetoric. If residents of Canada allow the Mohawks to be defeated by the Canadian state, to get away with calling in the army, and to pose a military solution to quell dissent, then we allow them to set a sad precedent. The implications of this precedent extend to all opposition forces. The Mohawk struggle for sovereignty and self determination do not end with the dismantling of the last barricade at Kanesatake. This conflict only marks the beginning of a new phase.

There are many sacrifices and consequences that are part and partial of resistance. The Mohawk communities have been devastated by the conflict of the past few months. Food, medical and other essential supplies have been severely depleted by the attempt of the Sureté de Québec and the white mobs to starve the Mohawks out from behind the lines, and generally make life behind the lines unviable. So these resources will need replenishing. Mohawks who were involved in the stand will inevitably face criminal charges in the aftermath, and some predict a witch hunt of the Mohawk Warriors supporters across the country. Already 25 Mohawks have faced arrest and indictment on various charges, many of which are related to self-defense against the white mobs. Legal costs for the defense of resisting Mohawks are bound to be high. So the coming months will mean that all who support the Mohawk stand should do all we can to help rebuild these communities and continue to support their fight which will move on to the legal arena.

Now that media eyes have been turned away from the Mohawk Territories, the Mohawk Nation will need your support more than ever before. The racist mobs and the Sureté de Québec pose a serious threat to the safety and security of the Mohawk people. The state has been able to slither through this confrontation without having to substantially address the sovereignty issues. In other words, there's plenty of work yet to be done to ensure that the Mohawk people and other First Nations see justice.

What you can do:

Although they have so far proved unresponsive to our demands, these men should be called repeatedly and told where you stand:

Brian Mulroony
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(418) 643-7239/fax (418) 643-4804

There is also an International Human Rights Hotline located in New Jersey which people can call (toll-free) and order a telegram sent to whomever they want in North America and elsewhere. The number is 1-800-888-5283. An operator will take the information needed. A telegram of 100 words or less will cost only $5.00 and the bill will be sent to you later.

Money will be needed long after the barricades come down for rebuilding and legal defense. Please give generously to the Defense Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty, account #2638, c/o Bread and Roses Credit Union, 348 Danforth Ave. Suite 211, Toronto, Ontario, M4K 1N8, Canada.

Help get the word out to others. Use your initiative and imagination. Do anything which will help the Mohawk Nation gain their rights and to stop the oppression of their people. We need to send a clear message to the Canadian state that an armed occupation of a Sovereign nation -- even within the Canadian borders -- is unacceptable. The Canadian army must be withdrawn and reconciliation of Mohawk sovereignty must be achieved.

Taken from *Echomedia Toronto*

15,000 IN NEW YORK MARCH AGIANST GULF WAR

By Dan / NYAYF

On October 20, 15,000 people demonstrated against U.S. intervention in the Middle East. This marked the largest protest in the U.S. since President Bush first sent troops in early August. Demonstrators also marched in San Francisco, Atlanta, Cleveland, Boston, Australia, England, Panama, and many other places.

The march also marked the first time in years a successful anarchist / anti-authoritarian bloc was organized in the New York area. Three hundred anarchists attended the contingent, marching with banners and black flags. Endorsement for the action came from 7 New York-based groups, including AAA (Autonomous Anarchist Action), NYAYF, NY-ABC (New York Anarchist Black Cross) and many more.

The march was organized by the Coalition Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East (whose decision-making "council" is controlled by the Workers World Party) and started with a rally in Columbus Circle, with speakers such as Michael Moore (director of "Roger and Me"), Stephanie Atkinson (an army reservist who refused duty) and Ramsey Clark (former United States Attorney General, who would have put us all in jail 20 years ago). The Coalition was made up of many groups (the anarchist coalition included -- which ended up being beneficial to us, as we were not constantly attacked by marshals, peace pigs, etc.). The rally was attended by people of all ages, amongst them older vets, African-American and Latino groups, and quite a few punks (as well as a Berlin Wall of paper-pushing leftoids).

From there, the march began to the Times Square recruiting station at 42nd St. For most groups, it was fairly uneventful. For the anarchists, it was a raucous time. Besides being dressed mostly in black (many with masks and balaclavas to avoid cameras and detection), the group was abundantly loud and soon grew in numbers when more radical students and young people decided to tag along. Chants included "War, no thanks, We'll burn your banks" (chanted every time we passed a bank), "War? Try it! We'll have a fucking riot", "Class war, not oil war" and "Guns for the poor, not for the war." To liven things up, people also engaged in one of the most awesome tactics yet. Whenever the march started to die down, our contingent would stop, start pogoing and screaming as loudly as possible, and then run as fast as we could to catch up. This scared the police several times, when they thought a riot was breaking out. There were sit-down breaks as well, blocking traffic and adding to the excitement.

Demonstrators often equated the war with other issues as well. While marching down 42nd St., (a big porno district) the chant was "Stop the war on wimmin." When we passed by McDonald's it was "You deserve a brick today," and "Food, folks, fuck off!", and at Macy's (New York's largest department store) the chant was "Let's go shopping (with no money)!"

The demonstration ended with another rally, and more speakers. At this rally, police could be seen on the rooftops filming demonstrators (they were also seen filming during the march, and were chased away several times by angry protestors). Some flags were burned (as well as a stack of "Worker's World" thrown on the fire by an unknown anarchist hooligan....) so things ended on an upbeat note.

Not surprisingly, the mainstream media gave very little coverage at all, and stories which did appear, did so very far back in the papers. But a new anti-war movement has begun. For those in New York that would like information on upcoming actions/info., please send a S.A.S.E. to: NYAYF / P.O. Box 365 / Canal St. Station / New York, NY 10013-0365

Tom Metzger and WAR ordered to Pay $12.5 million

On October 22nd, Tom Metzger, former grand dragon for the Klu Klux Klan, was ordered by a Portland, Oregon court to pay $5 million in connection with the slaying of an Ethiopian immigrant by skinheads in November 1988. Tom Metger's organization, White Aryan Resistance (WAR) was also ordered to pay $3 million and his son John was ordered to pay $1 million. As well, the two skinheads, Kenneth Mieske and Kyle Brewster, who pleaded guilty to slaying Mulugeta Seraw, were ordered to pay $500,000 each.

This was part of the result of a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Seraw's family, who was awarded a total of 12.5 million. The lawsuit accused the Metzgers and WAR of sending agents to Portland to organize skinheads and encourage them to commit violence against blacks and other minorities. Seraw was attacked by skinheads as he was returning home from a party.

By returning a judgement in favor of Seraw's family, the jury showed that they had found the Metzger's guilty of sending agents who substantially assisted or encouraged conduct leading to the murder. It is speculated that Tom Metzger will be forced to sell his television repair business, his Fallbrook, California home, and his white-power television show to pay his fines.

ANTI-IMPERIALISTS PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY

On September 7, defendants of the Resistance Conspiracy Case Marilyn Buck, Linda Evans, and Laura Whitehorn pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various international and domestic matters through use of violence and illegal means," and to one count each of aiding and abetting the 1983 bombing of the Capitol Building following the U.S. invasion of Grenada. The guilty plea is a result of an agreement to drop all outstanding charges against other RCC defendants Alan Berkman, Tim Blunk, and Susan Rosenberg.

"Our motivation for entering into negotiations was Alan's recurrence of cancer--we felt it was the only way to ensure that he would not be subjected to the stress of a trial and the possibility of a longer sentence. With the RCC charges dismissed, Alan has a much better chance of winning parole and getting out of prison to recuperate successfully from chemotherapy. We believe that doing anything we can to save Alan's life is an expression of our revolutionary politics--a commitment to the comradeship, to love, and to life", the six explained.

While Alan will "max out" in two years, Linda already has a 35 year sentence, Tim and Susan 58 years, and Marilyn 70 years (Laura is held in preventive detention). Marylin and Linda face a maximum 15 year prison sentence and Laura faces a maximum of 20 years in jail. Linda and Laura will be sentenced on November 28, while Marilyn will be sentenced a month earlier. It is expected that the women will be sent to the maximum security prison for women in Marianna, Florida. Alan and Time will definitely be sent back to USP Marion.

The conspiracy conviction is a victory for the state and sets a dangerous agenda for its constitutional usage of conspiracy laws to prosecute and criminalize the liberation movements within the U.S.

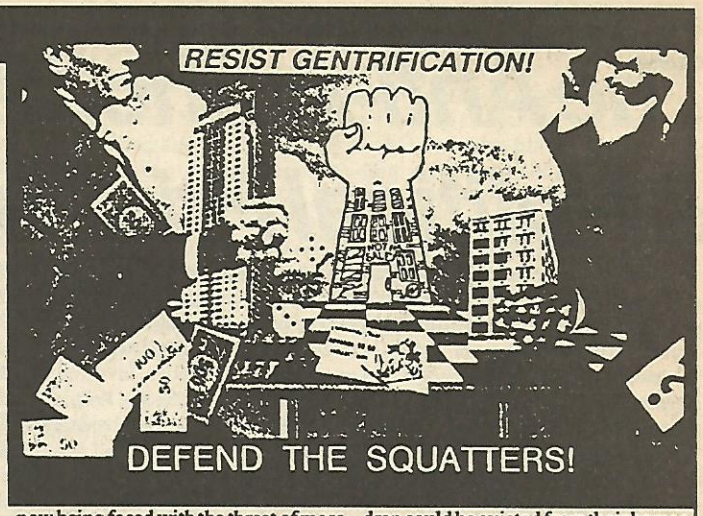
However, activists and prisoners have made it clear that they will continue to resist using all means available and will not let the threat of conspiracy charges hinder their work. One sign of this was a courtroom filled to capacity with supporters when the women pleaded guilty.

From Echomedia Toronto

THE CONSPIRACY IS ALL OF US

SQUAT REPORTS

LOWER EAST SIDE SQUATS PREPARE FOR PROLONGED HOUSING BATTLE



In the last five years, the Lower East Side of New York City has witnessed the growth of a squatter's movement from the rubble of abandoned buildings that have been left rotting for over ten years. This purposeful neglect and abandonment was a direct result of urban renewal programs put into effect after the inner-city uprisings of the 1960's. Called "spatial deconcentration," the plan was created to drive out and divide poor residents in order to prevent future rebellions and immobilize political activity. Not only did this provide their desired oppression of the poor, but set up new opportunities for profit. Gentrification, the "upgrading" of neighborhoods to suit a wealthier class, at the risk of families, culture and homes, set in.

While hundreds of apartments lay empty in disrepair, hundreds of womyn, children, and men lay in the streets, parks and subways, homeless. Official housing groups have been working with the city and developers to keep buildings abandoned and lots vacant. They have driven up the rents by restricting the amount of housing on the market. The poor have been forced out of their homes through rising rents, illegal evictions, authority-encouraged drugs and violence, and condo-conversions. The system's solution to their problems is shelters where disease (such as AIDS and T.B.) and violence are rampant. Their schemes add up to eliminating poverty by killing the poor. Block after block of abandoned buildings expose the lie that there is a lack of housing for the poor. We are being denied housing because we can't and will not pay luxury rents or buy unsold condos.

Ten percent of the population owns 95% of the property in New York. Their interests far exceed that of community needs -- theirs is only greed. We put the right to live justly above the right of so-called ownership. Through squatting we have created housing for ourselves and our community. We have built homes out of shambles with our own hands, empowered ourselves with self determination, and waged militant battles against authorities and the police, in defense of our rights, and to create a workable alternative to homelessness and state oppression.

The Lower East Side squatters are now being faced with the threat of mass evictions from our squatted homes in a desperate move by the state to crush a community of resistance during these times of political upheaval and deepening economic crisis. The Lower East Side Coalition Housing Development and the Lower East Side Mutual Housing Association, along with several other developers under the L.I.S.C./ Enterprise Foundation Program, have joined hands with the banks and private corporations in plans to take over properties including at least nine fully-occupied squats under the guise of "low income housing development." In one proposal, 60% of this housing would go to those of an income level of $11,000 a year. This income range does not even cover those of minimum wage income, mainly single mothers, and a large proportion of the black and Hispanic community of the area. The other 40% will be for those of the income range of $21,750 to $48,000 a year. Developers claim that the higher income housing will subsidize (help cover the cost of) lower income housing. Squats are 100% low-income and poverty housing that require no subsidizing whatsoever. It is obvious, at this point, that their concern does not lay with providing housing for the homeless, for all plans involving this so-called "low income housing" gives developers the right to sell these properties at full market value after 17 years (leaving the tenants homeless). Eventually there will be no housing whatsoever for the lower-class masses in New York City, and with it will also disappear a major political stronghold, our diverse cultures and our community. A profit is to be made by taking power over the actions of the people, rather than the people acting out of self empowerment and self determination. The developers plan to destroy the squatters to accomplish this.

Approximately 400 adults and children could be evicted from their homes from the actions of these developers.

At this time the housing authorities (HPD) have claimed "site control" of nine squats (a major portion of the squatter community). They will not stop at these. Squatters in the Bronx, Harlem, and others are also under grave threat. As they prepare to evict us, we prepare our resistance. The battle has just begun. Solidarity is strength. We need support in all forms: from defense tactics information to printing, supply, and legal funds, to letter of support. Urgently!!

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(Turn to page 7 for a communique by International Solidarity Network)

WNC UPDATE

All 139 squatters arrested when the WNC squat in Gronigen, Holland was forcefully evicted are now free. Most of them received sentences of six weeks in jail, while others received two to eight weeks, which have already taken place. The charge of "membership in a criminal organization" has been dropped, which potentially carried a sentence of up to nine months.

However, squatting in Gronigen is still going on, as well as in other cities in Holland. Attempts are still being made to re-open the WNC and supporters are confident that they "will never be stopped!"

The Echomedia News section is compiled as a source for news of the anti-authoritarian movement

The Anti-Authoritarian Movement & Political Prisoners

When we mount a movement to challenge power we must expect and prepare for repression as a matter of course. The resurgence of anti-authoritarian organizations has paralleled a general increase in militancy among progressive forces in North America. The predictable state response to this militancy has been increased repression, including political imprisonment.

There are currently well over 100 political prisoners (PPs) and prisoners of war (POWs) held in North American jails, representing many diverse political movements. Among these are Native Americans, Puerto Rican independentistas, Black/New Afrikan nationalists, white anti-imperialists and anti-nuclear activists. There are also anti-authoritarian political prisoners -- captured activists from our own movement.

The further development and defense of our movement requires building an effective and consistent response to the state's repressive actions. Providing moral, political and material support for those on trial and for long-imprisoned activists, aiding their families, learning how to defend ourselves and each other and how to protect ourselves from arrest: These are all things we as individuals and as a movement can and should be involved in.

Let us introduce you to one of our comrades, Larry Giddings, captured by state forces in 1979. Larry is imprisoned--but still actively participating in our movement--today.

Larry was born October 6, 1952 in Rosstal, Germany. His mother is Silesian/German and his father is of various European and North American extractions. Larry spent his early years and some of his teens in Germany. He spent approximately eight years attending school and living in Maryland, U.S.A., until dropping out of high school.

Larry was wounded during a shoot-out and arms expropriation with four others on August 21, 1971, in Los Angeles, California. He was arrested at the scene. Larry's legal/political defense focused on the need for armed struggle against the U.S. government and judicial system and the liberation of prisoners. Upon conviction, he received a 20 years to life sentence. New laws and his status as a "first-time-felon" resulted in his parole after seven years. Larry spent more than a year on parole, working and living in a multi-cultural, political, food and prisoner support collective involved in progressive work in the San Francisco Bay Area. He later began clandestine activities.

On October 14, 1979, Larry was again wounded and captured along with Bill Dunne (another anti-authoritarian prisoner in Marion Prison) during the liberation of a comrade from a Seattle, Washington jail. Convicted of aiding an escape, the shooting of a policeman, band expropriations (used for funding the activities) and conspiracy, he received multiple sentences of life in prison plus 75 years, all consecutive. He has no known parole opportunities.

Since his imprisonment, Larry's anti-authoritarian commitment and continuing activism has resulted in police repression against himself and his friends. Imprisonment has not stopped Larry from making important contributions to the anarchist/anti-authoritarian movement. Larry continues to be active with Bulldozer/Prison News Service, Freedom Now, is a close associate to Leonard Peltier as an anti-colonial white, and has been working with the Anarchist Black Cross (Toronto). Supplementing this activism, Larry completed B.A. degrees in Sociology and Psychology with the University of Kansas. He is now presently working towards the completion of a M.A. degree in Sociology, in the area of social movements.

In Larry's view, anti-colonialism and anti-imperialism are integral to an anti-authoritarian analysis and practice. In Larry's own words:

I seek a world where people can live without cultural, racial or national oppression. This can only happen in a non-nation-state world, a world without borders. My most inspirational historical example is that of the Seminole struggles of the 1800's in Northern Florida, Oklahoma and in Northern Mexico and Texas. Indigenous people of various nations, Afrikans (both free-born and escaped from slavery), "renegade" Europeans and Maroons (ship-wrecked sailors and rebels from around the world) united under the banner of the Seminole and resisted the imperial slavocracy of the U.S. for decades. Some of these Seminole people continue to struggle to this day. These "Seminole Wars," as they are called, are filled with examples of non-authoritarian structures, multi-cultural developments and autonomy between a number of cultures united in struggle. It is from these roots that I believe a truly dynamic and successful movement for a socially and ecologically sound world will arise. A respect for Indigenous Peoples of the world and the environment is a primary step in creating this world.

LARRY GIDDINGS
Anti-Authoritarian Political Prisoner

Have we supported Larry or has Larry supported us? Sometimes it's hard to differentiate. Certainly we have learned a lot from Larry and are privileged to have worked with him. He remains unquestionably a part of our movement.

Support for political prisoners and prisoners of war in North America is minimal: their existence is all but unacknowledged. Recognition of and support for anarchist/anti-authoritarian prisoners is even more limited. For years people like Larry Giddings have received little or no support from anti-authoritarians. Indeed Larry's existence is unknown to most of us, even though he has contributed greatly to our movement both before and since his capture. There is a growing movement within North America to recognize support and publicize the plight of PPs and POWs. We, as anti-authoritarians, have a responsibility to ensure that both captured comrades (such as Larry), and anarchist organizations on the outside are included as a force within this movement.

An "International Tribunal on Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War," with internationally known writers and human rights activists serving as jurists, will take place on Saturday, December 8, 1990 in New York City. We encourage everyone to investigate, attend and otherwise support this important event and the growing movement it represents. This is our opportunity to let the world know there is an anti-authoritarian movement in North America and that we support our imprisoned activists and will show concrete solidarity with the captured of other liberation movements. The tribunal, organized with conjunction with Freedom Now! (an amnesty and human rights organization in the U.S. which has adopted more than 100 prisoners for its campaign), will include the testimony of many former political prisoners in the U.S. from a broad spectrum of movements.

The ABC (Toronto) and Bulldozer/Prison News Service will be representing Larry at the tribunal. We will work to create a recognized space for him and other anti-authoritarian prisoners both at the tribunal and in the broader amnesty movement.

For more information about the tribunal, supporting political prisoners, and how you can participate, write to: Freedom Now Tribunal / 24 East 24th St. / New York, NY 10029

Contact Larry for more information about his case (recently twinned with American Indian Movement activist Leonard Peltier's) or just talk: Larry Giddings, #10917-086/P.O. Box 1000/ Leavenworth, KS 66048

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Anarchist Black Cross Toronto

COMMUNIQUES

ALFSG - Toronto

October 1990 (An update)

Since 1984, the ALF Support Group here in Toronto has been working hard bringing you the information and news of the Animal Liberation Front. It has been a challenging and inspirational task to inform and disseminate the news of the ALF.

All of us who have been involved with the ALFSG in Toronto continue to work in various areas of animal liberation and struggle, both non-human and human. Many of us find ourselves working in many different kinds of political movements and issues, and currently there is not much focus on animal liberation issues.

This lull in activity is reflected by a similar phenomena in not just the ALF, but in the entire spectrum of the animal rights and liberation movements across Canada in recent years. It is for a combination of these and other factors that we have made the decision to put the working functions of the ALFSG in Toronto on the "back burner" for now.

We want to give a big "thank you" to all of you who have contributed, and helped make our work and this group a reality. Undoubtably, without your letters, news, time, energy, and of course your financial help, the ALFSG couldn't have existed!

We also want to apologize to any of you who have donated money over this past year and may in some way feel "ripped off." The small excess of funds we had in September, when we agreed to disband, has been distributed to four groups: The Hunt Saboteurs in California, the newly formed ALF Support Group in Edmonton, Alberta, the ALFSG in England and the Wimmin Prisoner Survival Network in Toronto. We encourage you to write and support these groups.

By all accounts and information we've received, we know that the Animal Liberation Front (and sister groups like the Animal Rights Militia, among others) continue to be growing and are increasingly a more effective force worldwide. Actions against animal exploiters and killers continue to happen, with the west coast of Canada and Edmonton in particular, seeing a lot of activity over the past two years. As a direct result, an ALF Support Group has formed in Edmonton, and we encourage you to support their work. They are producing action reports, a newsletter, and an excellent new handbook – An Animal Rights Primer. As well, we have sent our stock of ALF T-shirts to them, so if you would still like to order one, it's not too late!

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INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY NETWORK

With capitalism sweeping the world, disposing every hidden particle of counter struggle, we have come to a point, we believe, more vital as each day passes by. We are all familiar with the tactics of divide and conquer, or rather divide and be conquered. We weaken our struggle through lack of communication, through borders and boundaries, and we perpetuate our own destruction through isolation. In hopes of bridging the gap we have created an international squatters' and direct action network (the International Solidarity Network). The project will center around a newsletter containing the following:

- **Background** on different autonomous groups, struggles and squats to familiarize others with our efforts.
- **Experience** through knowledge of each other's experiences we can empower ourselves. This section will include demo tactics, squatter skills, legal information (arrest procedures, obtaining legal support, etc.), self-defense tactics, politics, whatever might benefit others.
- **Current events** to update others on autonomous events and actions.
- **Crisis information** in case of an emergency such as activist imprisonment or squat eviction, a network of phones, telegrams, FAX and mail would be used to put an international alert requesting support response from other network participants by self-chosen action (financial support for legal fees, demonstrations, actions on corporations with interests in that country, etc.) For example, an attack on a squat could create spontaneous actions in the embassies of that country in every foreign land, thereby creating public scrutiny and pressure towards that particular state or government's actions. The lending more power to the oppressed group or individual in the fighting of that particular struggle.

The importance of communication cannot be stressed enough. Solidarity is our strength. With this strength we can become unconquerable in building the foundations of true freedom.

Getting Involved: We are compiling information at this time so send in your contributions of the above as soon as possible. We are also looking for translators in each country to make this network available to all. Obviously, do not send any information that could be incriminating. The mailing list will be confidential. Eventually we will publish an access guide but it will only contain addresses, phone, and FAX numbers of those who want theirs distributed. Lastly, we need distributors: bookstores, media centers, libraries, etc., so please get in touch.

First issue to contain:
- Provocateurs: CIA Infiltration Techniques
- Squatting in South America
- N.Y.C. Squatter's Movement: Eviction Alert!
- The Mohawk Indians' Armed Resistance
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NO COMPROMISE

No Compromise is founded on the fact that the Earth has reached a point where deforestation, ozone depletion, greenhouse effect, and waste problems have made it impossible for us to compromise and still survive. We are devoted to teaching people to take responsibility for future generations through sustainable lifestyle education and minimum impact living.

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No Compromise
173 Jackson
Madison, WI 53704

LETTERS

Dear folks,

Thanks for the exchange iss of P.E. #6. Great as always, but I have problems with the Sabotage Books Closes blurb.

It appears that it was either written by someone from the group who had the place closed or someone associated with them, because it seems to attempt to overly simplify what really happened and why. Your advertising the pamphlet put out by the "Black Cat Collective" as a source for finding out what led to the closing makes me wonder where Profane Existence is really coming from. They are the people who caused the situation at the store to get members (including those who had money in the store) and locked them out, they gave the lease to the landlord, and then they put out a booklet chock full off bullshit in an effort to cover up what they did!!

To me, the Sabotage story is not so important that it is worth telling at a national level, but if you're going to write about something like this, you should at least get the story from people other than those who are trying to cover their asses.

I have been sending Profane Existence the SHADOW for many months now, so I thought you might have checked out the Sabotage story in the SHADOW #13 for yourself before printing someone else's version. (Did SHADOW #13 come too late before you went to press?) Since most of your stories credit the source, I wondered why there was none on this one. Someone in New York has told me that Jay and Dave are "pretty tight" with you -- is that true? I also understand that Dave stiffed a lot of people who gave Sabotage zines and papers on consignment, including the SHADOW, but that he has paid some of them in hope that he and the others will open their own bookstore soon. Did he pay you or stiff you too?

One last thing is that I noticed there was no review of the SHADOW as I usually see in Profane Existence -- was this intentional or did you review different zines this time? It's your paper and I have nothing to say about what you decide to run -- I only want to know where we stand with each other. If you are getting only one side of the issue. then you should at least know the other side as well.

If you'd like to discuss or anything else, please let me know. (Enclosed is a copy of the Sabotage Books article that appeared in SHADOW #13).

Aside from all that, the "Action Faction" of Sabotage has now opened a NEW and better store called "May Day Books" (located at 208 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10009, telephone number (212) 674-0581). We would like to sell Profane Existence along with the other many newspapers and zines that we'll be stocking there. The books will be done the right way this time, so all of the suppliers will be paid and promptly too!! This is because I will be handling the bookkeeping!!

If you are interested, please sand all information on selling your paper.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!! Peace.... Chris Flash / The Shadow / P.O. Box 20298 / New York, NY 10009

Hello Chris,

As the writer of the article about Sabotage that appeared in last issue, it is my responsibility to answer for it. In no way did I intend to take sides in this issue, as you suggested. First, I have read many accounts of what happened to Sabotage books, but not the one printed in the "Shadow," which I have always supported as an excellent newspaper. In fact, we never received a copy of "Shadow" #13! Since you have enclosed a copy of the article with your letter, it has given me a chance to see another side of the story.

The reason the article was not credited was in fact because it was taken from several sources and condensed. I didn't intentionally try to portray the event as one person or another's fault. Obviously, printing the Black Cat address would give the idea of taking sides, but it was the only "inside source" I had to rely on. The reason for simplification was that I was also relying on conflicting reports from various people in New York.

We have never really had problems with Sabotage and yes, I had met Dave when I was in New York last March. Since we had not been ripped off, I had no reason to believe that these people were unsound.

I'm printing your letter in P.E. #7 so that if people want more information they can write to you, or send a $1 for the Shadow #13.

--Troll

Dear P.E.

Enclosed is a money order for the $111 owed by Sabotage. Sorry we were so late but by the time we found out how much money was owed we had run out of money.

Subvert the new world order, Dave Lawrence / Black Cat / P.O. Box 1737 / New York, NY 10009

Hello,

Just a quick note to mention the numbers you gave for the Mohawks are reversed; the phone number is (416) 921-0437 and the FAX is (416) 324-8268.

Thanks

Troll and All;

I've recently moved and have had trouble getting my mail forwarded. My former landlord is a jerk and her daughter works at the local post office. If anyone has sent stuff to the Garfield address in Santa Anna regarding HATE-HUNDRED and KOP-SLAUGHTER, let me know! My new address is 895 S. Barnett Ave. / Anaheim, CA 92805-5408

Thanx r. dean f.

Troll,

How's everything? Thanks for sending the zine and for the excellent FAUST review. But you forgot to put the state and zip code after the review. We've got a new drummer since you and DESTROY! were here and he's doing extremely well. We've got about seven new songs and they're just absolutely crust from hell. I think you would be very impressed. I'll send you a practice tape sometime soon so you can check it out.

So how's the scene in good ol' Minneapolis? Has there been any good bands through lately? Memphis has been dead since DESTROY!. We played once since then with our new drummer. anyhow, just wanted to thank you for the stuff - Tell the guys in DESTROY! "howdy!"

Jay Jay / Faust / 5641 Ackerman Cv. / Memphis, TN 38134

Howdy Jay Jay,

I hope I got your address right this time! I've been quite busy so I haven't had time to asses the "scene" lately, although I'm sure it's the same as always. The only band I've had a chance to see lately was the RADICTS who were quite good and a real sing-a-long band - - good fun! I bet you never figured your letter would get printed but why not eh?

--Troll

Dear P.E.

I just finished reading your zine, #6, and I found it very interesting. I too am (loudly) against racism, sexism, the torture and exploitation of animals of this Earth (not to mention the Earth itself), "our" government (actually all government) and I felt compelled to write about an issue that's plagued me a long time. I'm hoping to get some feedback from like-minded people, maybe I'll learn something. I went to the anarchist convention in Toronto during the summer of 1988 and I left there with my faith in humanity renewed (for a time). I met more beautiful people that week than I think I have in my whole life. My concern is this -- there are a lot of fucked up people in this world and anarchy is not going to change this. This feeling is partly what has kept me from from throwing myself whole-heartedly into the movement. Being a woman in this society, I am sick beyond words of sexism. My fear of being raped has at times driven me into my room to read Calvin and Hobbes and pray for a nuclear war. I know that fear of something is what gives it it's power, but to a person who has felt the mental and physical pain of a rape attack, that point can be moot. Sure, I could carry a can of mace (I will not carry a gun) for a sense of security for those times late at night when my key gets stuck in my apartment building door or my car breaks down downtown and abject terror grabs me by the throat (if not a man). Say I get attacked and mace the guy. Sure, I would fend off the attack and the guy would go home possibly more pissed off at women than he already is. I don't want a temporary way out, I want a fucking solution. I have racked my brain time and time again for an answer but there are so many people in this world, it just seems so out of control. If anyone thinks I sound paranoid, think of this; a woman is raped every six minutes in the U.S. alone. So right now, as you

read this, a woman is being raped. If that doesn't make you sick to your stomach, I feel sorry for you. Maybe the way the system is now is a false sense of security but what's going to happen if anarchy becomes a reality? Are these people going to suddenly see the light? When a man looks me up and down and makes a sexist comment I feel an intense urge to rip his face off. When I think about it, that's my fear talking. I don't want all rapists dead because that would be the same mentality as the Nazis or the right-wing religious people and their apathy towards AIDS; it weeds out the undesirables. Call me a dreamer but I want peace and love to rule. I just can't see it happening. Well, it's been two years since my experience in Toronto and sometimes I feel hopeless and helpless. Every time a guy I think is a friend stops calling me because I won't have sex with him, I lose a little more faith. I am by no means trying to man-bash here and I know that there are people out there who understand and agree with what I'm saying (thank you for showing me that with your 'zine). And you know, I am not attacking, I'm questioning. Any point or counterpoint is welcome. Thanks for listening.

Paige Kayner/524 Boylston Ave. E. #302 / Seattle, WA 98102

Paige,

It is obvious that society now is not even close to being perfect and the negative side is sometimes so disparaging that all seems hopeless, I know. On the other side, I also find it plain to see that you are also very optimistic about things, but you perhaps don't see that.

In my opinion, run-away capitalism is the main perpetrator behind the attitude that women are objects. Fashion, tradition, advertising, popular media, etc. are all responsible for perpetuating this attitude which will continue until people, men and women, stand up to stop it. I find it easy to believe that many men can become victims fo this negative portrayal of women and step far-beyond the recognized boundary of respect for other people. The effects of this are so wide spread that no amount of government control or police forces can prevent anti-social crimes, such as attacks on women, from taking place. Besides, this sort of crime is a symptom of capitalism, and "our" government needs this sort of capitalism in order to survive. What I'm trying to say there is no end to this problem until capitalism and it's governmental puppets are abolished. This is a long-term solution and would by no means entirely eliminate the problem, but would eliminate most of the cause.

I think one of the biggest problems of the various anarchist gatherings is that the community sense is so fake. Of course a bunch of anarchists will be able to get along, at least for a while, but after a few days it's over and we all have to return to the capitalist world. The hard part is bringing some of that energy and unity home and organizing within your own community. That's where's we'll spend most of our lives and where we should really be home. I'm no expert on community organization, but it's obvious that too few people reach out and try to meet their neighbors. When's the last time you've talked to your neighbors? Chances are they're quite decent people with many of the same aspirations as yourself. One method of community organization against assaults on women I've heard about is at the university here. There's a number you can call and a volunteer will come and walk or drive you to your dorm at night if you feel it necessary. It's a volunteer set-up, and while it my not be a permanent nor ideal solution, it is a step of prevention taken right in the community, by the community. I've heard of self-policing in other areas as well and perhaps others could write with their ideas.

--Troll

DESTROY!

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Dear P.E. Crowd,

Hello, how are you? Thanks to Kristen and company for attending the the Rock Against Racism held here in Ottawa on August 2-6.

I am writing this letter in regards to a letter that was printed in in P.E. #5 written by Jess Roe. R.E. Israel, etc.

All in all I agreed with this letter but a couple of things ticked me off. So as ana anarchist (not that it makes any big fuckin' deal) and as an Israeli citizen (dual citizenship with Canada) I would like to add a few things.

First off all, don't believe anything you read in the Israeli newspapers, If you think the U.S.A. is bad for lying and distorting the facts, wait until you get a load of the Israeli news service! The only info I would ever even consider believing would be from someone actually involved with the Intifada, if even then. Sorry, not the UTNE READER and certainly not an Israeli reporter "masquerading" as a Palestinian. That's like me disguising myself as a womyn and telling you what it's like to be raped. It just doesn't work-- do you know what I'm saying?

Secondly, it's more than just "overwhelming discrimination against Arabs." It's outright racism! Sad but true. a lot of people forget that Arabs and Jews are Semitic peoples. I know of at least two parties that have been banned because they were just too right wing, even for Israel. One advocated deportation and the other was for systematic annihilation to solve the "Arab Problem" and they justified this stance by saying that it was O.K. to kill Arabs because they weren't even human. Now think hard, who does that sound like? Hmmm!

People must realize the Intifada isn't just an uprising, it's a revolution. The Palestinians are totally re-structuring their society. and the roles that wimmin and youth are playing in the struggle is amazing (partly because they have to -- the men are either dead or in jail).

I whole-heartedly agree with Jess that the solution to this conflict is smashing the boundaries of nationalism and religion (especially religion!!!).

Finally, as far as the "Jewish State" bullshit goes; I think that it's a free fuckin' world and if the Jews can have their own homeland then why can't the white-supremacist dildos have theirs!! As a Jew it pisses me off that the only way you can criticize Israel or it's policies is if you are Jewish. Israel does some pretty fucked-up shit and it's high-time people started finding out about it.

Sh@lom! Uri / Youth Lib Network

P.E:

This is for a Classified ad...

While I got your attention I wanted to say that youy magazine has never failed to interest me. All articles are thought-provoking, if not inspiring! Keep up the work.

Me and a buddy, Ian, are putting out a zine called BEFORE GODS BALLS. Look for it in the near future. The first issue concentrates heaviliy on anti-"Drug War" information and ideas. Look for this. It'll be interesting because

I tend to bend towards pacifist ideals and Ian tends to bend militant ideals. (P.S. we don't think god is male, we don't even think there is a god)

I also wanted to suggest maybe a promoter page where indi, D.I.Y. promoters can write in with info on where to set up North American shows. Sort of like MRR's show contacts but leave the address of the promoter in the zine longer than MRR does. Like 6 months. Cause I would be the first to submit one. A lot of bands that want a lot of money use MRR to get a promoter in other cities (like ALL, FUGAZI and others) Some of us promoters want to keep it as independent as possible without worrying about the cost bringing a money grubbin' band to their town! Profane Existence supplies the atmosphere of D.I.Y. bands that usually make a statement whereas MRR opens up to most all alternative music. Well, it's just an idea...

Have many achievements and drink home-brew! Love lots, Nickle-less

Nickle,

Perhaps we could do some sort of promoter page in P.E., but that is an aspect already covered in MRR as you pointed out. While the way they have it set up leaves something to be desired, it works and it's better than nothing. I think the main problem with their set-up is that it relies too heavily on people remembering to send a post-card each month, which after-all isn't all that much to ask and any sane promoter would have a calendar! From experience, the MRR list is most effective if you photocopy and put together the lists of consecutive issues and come up with a bigger, master list. Of course, the fact that this section is printed so that it is white lettering on a black background, makes it hard to photocopy and impossible to write notes in the margins! I suppose, if necessary, we can start a list of our own, but we really don't have the space and cannot afford to make the zine any bigger without raising the price (which we will not do).

Your comrade in hombrew -- Troll

Profane Dudes,

Just got number six of yer fanzine / info zine and I dug it like the two issues I purchased before. I especially enjoyed the Goldman / Berkman mini-history and your article on the Mohawk stand-off (I hear now they are surrendering... God(s) I hope not!). D.O.A. broke up which saddened me, but I did see them in New Jersey and they made a point to verbally support at length the Canadian-Mohawk stand-off. I'm gonna miss 'em, yessir, they've done a lot in their 13 year existence. The WIERDOS are on tour with the CIRCLE JERKS and I caught their show in New York City and they were great! I've been waiting to see them almost as long as I waited to see the BUZZCOCKS. I promptly left before the CIRCLE JERKS cuz the WIERDOS played all my old favorites and the CIRCLE JERKS don't have any favorites that I can identify (that they didn't rip off from BLACK FLAG, REDD CROSS, and ANGRY SAMOANS).

One thing tho... the review of my band, SEIZURE's new LP "Seriously Delirious" was a tad condescending and yes, people are entitled to their own opinions, so here's mine. SEIZURE has been together seven years now, has played benefits from nuke disarming, homeless support, Rock For Rice, alternative power, and many others. Many were times SEIZURE played for free to help out other bands and alternative clubs. I also come from from one of the first politically open bands in Phoenix during 1983-84 -- VIC MARROW'S HEAD. At the time, Phoenix was dominated by drunks, junkies and skaters and we caught plenty of shit. There was no intelligent collective such as HIPPYCORE at the time. The dismissal of us and our music as "party music" is rather amusing... since we all rarely party (unless you consider tobacco use (abuse) partying). Also, every release we have is completely independent, with all aspects (recording, producing, pressing) done out of our own poor pockets. We couldn't be more in debt for our music and beliefs. If you read the lyrics to songs of ours like "Boy Scouts", "One More Question", or "Hand Me Downs" or others off our first LP and second one (and the 7" EP) you would be able to tell we care, and always have, about this world, this country and all life upon it. Our actions prove this over 7 years of fighting local apathy and straight-edge idiocy. SEIZURE is a band that always tempered awareness with humor and good-natured silliness and we always will. Making people smile and think is a priority with us and we shouldn't be dismissed as a "goofy party band." We have always been more than that. Well, heck, I've said my peace. Take care and don't give up ever cuz I won't. I know no other way. Well see ya at A.B.C.-No-Rio and da funny papers!

Yuk yuk, Donn Seizure / 36 Fairfield Ave. Apt. 2E / Norwalk, CT 06854

Donn,

First off let me say thanks for taking the time to write regarding the review. And secondly, also being in a band myself I can appreciate your feeling the review may have been condescending. Not knowing any of the band members or knowing what your interest / beliefs are, I obviously am in no position to slag off your participation in community activities. Of course we all want to be taken seriously, and being described as "too goofy for some people" could come across as offensive, howeverat this point, when I see far too many people going to shows to have a bad time, don't let my opinion distract you from achieving your goals and dreams.

-Bill

ONE MORE TIME ABOUT COMMUNISM

I read the third issue of Profane Existence and found something I didn't expect in 1990. I thought that history, which is the best teacher, has already taught you something, but maybe not? O.K., I'm writing for an answer to the letter signed as IMPULSE 1990 published in the third issue on pages 8-10.

You are right, my dear friend, that it's semantics when you don't conceive of post-1917 Russia as communist. I have bad news for you -- it was real communism. Let's think; you say that "communism is at first a dictatorship of the Proletariat." Then you add that the only thing Russia has seen since 1917 is a dictatorship of the Communist Party (This is the truth of course). Don't you know that in communist nomenclature it means completely the same? And if you even imagined it didn't, it wouldn't change anything. How could a dictatorship of the proletariat exist in the Russia of 1917? Most of the workers were rather unaware of their role (in spite of the riots of 1905 and others), most of the workers were interested in food only! That's the biggest problem in life -- when you are really hungry you want to eat something first and then you can think about revolution (let's leave mythology...). In the country the problem was even bigger -- most of the peasants were illiterate. How could they form a "dictatorship of the proletariat?" They needed a leader... and the communist party was the only one able to take power. Why? Because communism always means centralization, and that helps during such an event. Boris Pasternak wrote in his book "Doctor Zhivago" that "peasants were fighting against reds and whites -- it depended on who had power in the area" and he was right, but it doesn't mean that peasants were conscious in their fighting and doesn't change the fact that post-1917 is the only (and real) communism. There is one good proof for it. If that communism isn't real, then why does it look the same in all communist countries? O.K. you can say that no country exists under real communism -- if so than you have to agree with this sentence written by one Polish writer; "communism is something completely unfeasible." Why discuss something that has never existed and never will exist? We could do something more useful... But not! The real communism has appeared! Just as in post-1917 Russia, post-1945 Poland, and all the other totalitarian countries. Stop distinguishing between these two terms: Communism and totalitarianism are simply the same.

Let's go far. You say that the U.S.S.R. is not pro-communist but pro-Russian. There is some truth it that. Communists always that they are against nationalism, but always use it for their aims. But, on the other hand, how could you explain that Stalin wasn't Russian, but Georgian, and his father was probably even a Pole? If we even agree that the "east-bloc" existed for Russia -- what will you say about Cuba -- which doesn't act like Russia wants. Of course, there is also some truth in the sentence that during World War Two conflict was between German nationalism and Russian nationalism, but we must add all geo and social conditions (petrol, workers -- Hitler needed it) and some historical info -- i.e. policy of some small governments (like the Polish one) who acted not to end the state of war. Nationalism is too abstract a notion...

I agree that we are an extremely small movement and shouldn't alienate. I also agree that we need to cooperate with other people who don't believe exactly as we do (in Poland,

when communists had power, sometimes anarchists cooperated with rightist movements, and sometimes it gave good results. I only want to say; be careful. It's dangerous for you, people in the west, start to cooperate in small affairs and then get joined too closely. "Constructive criticism" - it sounds easy to say.

Try to understand me well -- I don't say "kill communists!" I am a member of Amnesty International and many times I have made petitions in defense of different non-violent communists. But I'd would rather not like to cooperate too close. I wouldn't want to start a revolution together with communists, because I would be afraid I would find myself in prison shortly after it's success. To tell the truth I don't believe in such a revolution and I don't believe it would make anyone happy. I'm rather interested in anarchism connected with deep-ecology, art, etc. But that's rather not for this article.

So what about the anarchist-communist movement? I know historical of it's beginning, but rather think that it can be neither anarchist or communist. Anarchy means no power (government) and communism means it's centralization -- which can not exist together. have you ever seen a square circle?

On the other hand, maybe you'll find it exciting that some Polish "anarchists" seem to try to act like they look for contacts with communist movements... O.K. I rather exaggerate, but I'm afraid that some time in the future, of course not with members of the old communist party responsible for terror, but maybe someone young will cheat them -- hope not. I rather exaggerate.

Now, let's try to to think about a little more. Anarchists can also work in organizations, but these organizations look rather different from communists. Of course, remember that we say more about theory, but there are too few examples in history to be practical. Anarchists could organize organizations, but they existed without hierarchy, rulers and ruled, etc. And that's important because I don't believe that communists are able to understand anarchistic movements. And I don't believe in cooperation without understanding. It would finish with conflict with each other.

Of course, we cannot change the world when we are so small a group. But in my opinion, we'd better stop thinking about changing the world. We can improve something, change any law, save any part of the natural environment and that's great. Changing the whole world would lead to new governments, new power and is probably impossible. We'd better try to create our own. It would be more useful for ourselves if we act just for ourselves, in small aspects of life. Don't try to make the whole society happy, try to make yourself happy first. Of course, we have to oppose the regime in most present countries, but not by organizing new ones. Cooperating with communists will always lead to that.

O.K. I'm finished with this writing - try to think about it again. Try not to get cheated by anybody! If anyone wants to discuss this problem with me, you can write to me. Also, if you look for contact with the Polish anarchist / peace / punk movement...

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Readers,

the following letter was written as a response to Bob Black's letter criticising anarcho-syndicalsim, printed in Profane Existence number six. While we welcome feedback on articles that appear in Profane Existence in the form of letters, we are not going to let the debate continue within our pages. We have seen this same argument and divisions made too many times of the last few years and we will not contribute this further. If people want to create a society of debate, that's fine, but we want freedom; which will never happen by directing our energies against each-other!

--Troll

Dear Comrades:

Many thanks for sending the copies of Profane Existence. Always an interesting and inspiring read. Keep up the good work!

I just wanted to make a few comments regarding Bob Black's denunciation of "syndicalism."

Anarcho-syndicalism, as an international movement, did not reach full realization until **after** World War I, with the formation of the International Workers Association. Delegates to that founding congress represented unions whose membership exceeded two million men and women. I am assuming that it is anarcho-syndicalism, rather than traditional syndicalism (the rough translation of syndicalism would be "militant union ism") that has Mr Black's ass so out of joint. If not, then perhaps he should be spending his time attacking the **Teamsters for Democratic Union** or the UAW **New Directions Movement** rather than the IWA and the WSA. "Syndicalism," as a singular title and a significant movement, did indeed pass into history when unions began to add the prefix "anarcho," which signified a conscious striving towards anarchism as the ends, (organized resistance to the bosses rule) as the means.

Black's critique of "syndicalism" is both shallow and misleading. Certainly the syndicalist unions failed to stop the first world war. Did anyone manage to stop it? The syndicalists as a rule stayed far truer to the ideals of anti-militarism and internationalism than all other socialists. Is it hard to imagine that some few men who can be identified as syndicalists supported the war, when such an imminent anarchist as Peter Kropotkin did so?

As for anarcho-syndicalist collaboration with the fascists, let us remember that of all the countries that eventually came under fascist and Nazi domination prior to the second world war, the only place where there was organized resistance against the onset of that domination was in Spain, the place where there was the largest and most effective anarcho-syndicalist organization, the CNT-FAI. Mistakes were made, and paid for. We learn from those mistakes or we make them again. In any case, there were some good things, some successes also. Experiments in self-management, direct democracy, workers control, **anarchism**; all of these are things we can learn from the struggle in Spain. To dismiss those lessons merely because in the end the Spaniards succumbed (as did most of the rest of Europe) to the fascist tide would be, to say the least, dimwitted.

Black's remarks about the Mexican Revolution are just as misleading as his views of Spain. Anarcho-syndicalists actually fought **beside** Zapatistas against the Huerta dictatorship. It was after the defeat of the dictator ship and the installation of the constitutional government of Carranza, that the anarcho-syndicalists ended up fighting against Zapata. This was due in part to what members of the Casa del Obrero Mundial saw as the religious fanaticism of Zapatas agrarian revolutionaries (displayed in religious arm bands and the famous banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe carried to ever battle), as well as what they saw as the very real possibility of Pancho Villa (Zapata's ally in the north) establishing a new dictatorship.

Anarcho-syndicalism is not dead, anymore than the ideas of freedom and social revolution are dead. I know tens of thousands of people in the International Workers Association would tell you the same. What is dead, and has been dead since the 1890's and the era of "propaganda by deed," is the idea that anarchism should be the last resort of the anti-social crank.

Regarding the WAS, we are not a federation of unions. We are an organization of anarchist unions. We **are** participating in the Anarchist Labor Network, which includes unions such as the Industrial Workers of the World, Office Workers United (a WSA instigated organizing effort) and the International Music Workers Union. We maintain communications and good relations with several other independent unions in the U.S. and elsewhere.

We are taking up the "slack" of which Bob Black sp proudly boasts. We are busy injecting anarchist ideas and methods into the struggle to defend reproductive freedom, the defense of the Redwood Forest, the fight against growing cultural repression in the U.S., opposition to the developing war in the mideast, and the daily, ever-increasing struggle to survive amid the dehumanization and demoralization of our working lives. If anarcho-syndicalism is dead, it is a very lively corpse indeed.

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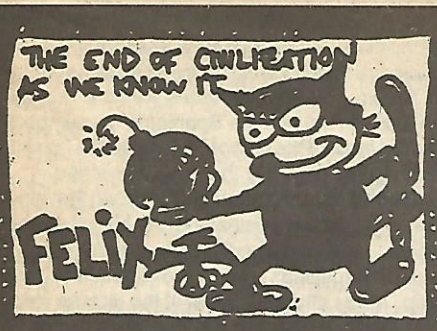
KEEP SENDING THOSE LETTERS!

Although we love to get them and they comprise a valuable part of this magazine, we cannot print every one received, and sometimes we will edit because of length...



As I perused the Minnesota Daily on Halloween my attention was drawn to the following article...

Wednesday, October 31, 1990

I was beaten because of my long ponytail

By Jeff Krueger

Last Thursday evening I was beaten by three white youths on a pedestrian walkway between 6th and 7th Streets in the Holmes neighborhood because I wear my hair in a ponytail.

I tried to reason with them before they attacked me. They were members of a group, or gang, called Baldies. "We are not racist," they said to me, "but we hate gays." To them, I appeared gay because of my hair.

There are two wrong beliefs here that I'd like to tell those three punks, and anyone who agrees with their goals.

First, physical violence is never justified. That it happens I'm *not* gay only emphasizes the fact that what you did to me was random. You kicked me in the head, the stomach and the groin as I lay curled up on the sidewalk, supposedly for a reason that doesn't even apply to me. In one sense, I'm glad it was me and not a gay man; I am more capable of seeing this as simply random assault, and not an attack on who I am, my lifestyle, or what gay men are brave enough to admit: their sexual preference in the face of public scorn. Gays are infinitely braver than your drunken band of leering bigots.

Second, if you think that yours is a sanctified, new-and-improved hate crime of the '90s then you are mistaken. Sewage by any other name still stinks. I gravely doubt whether any minority-group agency, any civil-rights group or racial-defense league would condone this kind of violence against another group. These groups have had to endure too much pain to ever wish the same upon another minority group. If you are, as you claim, not racist, then you would accept the rights of the gay minority as well.

The next time you have a few beers too many and decide it would be fun to kick a few heads in at random, remember that no sane human being supports you. There is no legitimate cause you can ally yourself with, no empowering slogan you can claim as your own. Have the spine to admit your actions are your own sordid responsibility.

Jeff Krueger is a CLA senior.

I can't understand how anyone can supposedly stand against discrimination and hate-violence based on skin color yet support bigotry and violence based on sexual orientation. Racism and homophobia are both manifestations of the same ignorance and blindness to others lifestyles and cultures. The sickly desire to beat down and oppress those who don't conform to your cultural standards has found its worst match in conformist false macho skinhead gangs. We are all too familiar with the 10 on 1 tactics used on undeserving victims such as the mentally-disturbed man kicked almost to death by skinheads after the D.O.A. show this summer. Who do any of these guys think they are winning over with their playground bully-turned-gangster-wannabe antics? Are they impressing the people of Minneapolis with the virtues of "fighting racism" by bragging of who kicked harder in the previous evening's "boot party". Where is the valor in this? Is it not more brave to stand up for what you are and believe in the face of society's disapproval and in so doing pave the way for the acceptance of your minority group by society with your bravery, than to be the one who kicked the hardest when said minority was on the ground? The actions of these homophobes discredit the few baldies and serious anti-racist skins who want to end all discrimination be it based on race, sex, or sexual orientation. Besides demeaning the anti-racist movement as a whole these characters only make society at large despise them and question the sincerity of their professed stance against racism.

Most of the time I try to ignore the world and it's people around me. I just can't comprehend the humyn thought process. Millions of people huddle around their T.V. sets watching Sally, Heraldo, and Oprah to feel less alone in their insanity. I hear Amy of NAUSEA was on Geraldo the other week. The show was on womyn who are bald. I hear she did it as a joke. Funny thing is that most people probably didn't get it. Recently on Oprah they had these reunions of fathers with sons or daughters they'd never seen or had known of only recently. The whole audience was in tears. Audience members would get up and plead to their long lost male parental unit to contact them. Pathetic sniveling people who undoubtably belong to a multitude of support groups. If one of those people were my kid I'd move further away.

But on occasion you'll read of something positive. Like the Metzgars losing the case against them. They now owe the family of the Ethioplan man murdered by skins in Portland a while back. They owe this man's family 12 million. Wow! I've read that in order to pay this Mr. Metzgar will have to sell his house, his T.V. repair shop, get rid of his cable show, etc. Happy days!

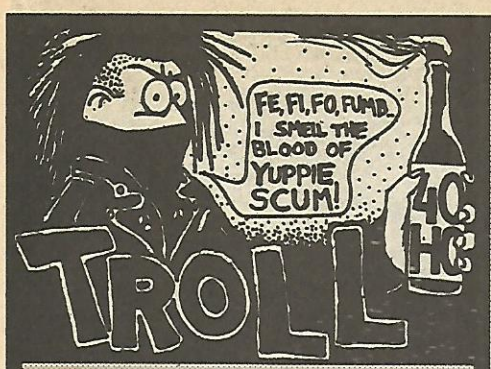
And then you turn the page and the shit piles up again. For the past decade the San Mateo Humane Society in California has put to sleep 10,000 dogs and cats a year. They are planning on enacting a moratorium on pet population. They want to make it illegal to breed your dog or cat by 1993, punishable by a fine and mandatory spay / neutering of your pet. Obviously professional breeders don't support this.

10,000 a year. They also took out several ads in local papers with a picture of garbage cans full of dead cats. They're comment is that the numbers aren't effecting anyone and a visual depiction might work. Hope so.

I've done a column on this subject before. My position is clear. Sterilize your pet. Please, don't breed your bitch just to have another one just like her. To get one pup you might end up with 13 and the other 12 will, statistically speaking, die in three years. A lot of you don't support animals being bred for slaughter. I see little difference except most of us don't eat dogs and cats. Please fix your friend.

I turned 22 recently. No longer a teen ager. I am now an adult, oh boy. I've got a secure job, a mortage, a yard to mow and walks to shovel. I feel old and boring. I guess I feel old and boring. I guess I'm supposed to be mature and responsible now, for the most part I am. I still drive drunk though. Beer elves or no beer elves. Guess that wasn't the real problem.

I regret few things in my life. I don't regret an abusive relationship. I've learned from it. I don't regret all the time I've fallen in love only to watch them leave. I have good memories. Not even the time I shit myself on Vodka. I do regret taping over some albums in 1984. I made the mistake of listening to people who said you can't be punk and listen to metal. I taped over RUSH, OZZY and MOLLY HATCHET even! Boy do I regret that. Never listen to people who tell you what's cool and what's not. Do what you like as long as it doesn't hurt no one. And with that I leave with an old but wise saying. Strive to survive causing the least suffering possible.



We've been speculating on when the Gulf War's going to start. It's a pretty scary thought that hundreds of thousands of troops poised face to face ready to kill the 'enemy' for their leaders, God and their country. I have to try really hard to keep the whole thing in perspective and not just laugh it off with cynicism. I mean, come one now, sometimes isn't it a little hard to shudder at the prospects of potentially eliminating half a million jocks and rednecks from two of the most fanatical imperialist powers in the world? It's not that simple but it is something to think about I guess. I think the soldiers camped out in the desert, if not already, will have serious doubts about their leader's intentions when the bullets start flying and corpses pile up around them.

Not only that, but won't the American public be shocked when junior can't go to college with all the money he made in the military because he's buried six feet under in Arlington National Cemetery. A war hero maybe, but dead definitely. It's also not going to take long when the general public realizes that we aren't going to benefit any by re-invading Kuwait or Iraq for that matter.

The mainstream media has been totally feeding the public a line about how Saddam Hussein is a fanatical dictator comparable to none other than Adolph Hitler. And how we must not allow this tyrant to swallow up country after country and expand his empire. That's totally overlooking the fact that our government was not only directly responsible for aiding Saddam Hussein gain power, as well as directly funding Iraq in a war it started Iran, while at the same time knowing full well the Iraqi government was undertaking a campaign to pacify it's own civilian Kurdish minority through use of chemical weapons, a universally recognized atrocity.

A more likely reason that Iraq invaded Kuwait was to cancel the multi-billion dollar debt the rang up fighting a prolonged war with Iran. In the politics of nation-states this has been going on for thousands of years. Another contributing factor that probably led to the invasion was Kuwaiti's insistence to sell their oil below OPEC-set standards, which probably made Iraq's debt financing worse due to lost revenues.

Our government's position is that the rightful rulers of Kuwait should be reinstalled, while keeping the fact that the former Monarchy was the most repressive in the region totally in the dark. We are fed that Iraqi aggression is a threat to our cheap oil supply. Let's face it, we're not going to be that directly effected by a small fraction of the world's oil reserves changing hands. Most likely, this is just seen by our government as a step towards establishing itself in the area and taking a leading role in Mid East power-politics.

Another thing I've found funny about the whole situation is how the left media has been playing it up. I read the other day that we should support the poor, oppressed Iraqi people and how the Iraq is just a victim of western imperialism. Come on now, do poor, oppressed countries suddenly declare war on their neighbor and win as in Iran? Do poor, oppressed countries have a standing army one million people? Now, the Sandanistas in Nicaragua maybe, with at one time just about every able-bodied person in the country ready to defend against a U.S. invasion, but there's no oil wealth in Central America and Iraq has never been under the threat of western attack before. If anyone can be accused of imperialism here, both sides would share the title with ease.

Now, all cynicism aside. This is a very real crisis and could explode any day now. We've been following along with the drivel we get in the news and these are somethings I think are important to note.

We watched the buildup in the last few months to over 200,000 troops. This was said to be for the defense of Saudi Arabia and other small gulf sheikdoms against further Iraqi aggression. We've seen our government force new "allies" in the region to form an Arab alliance against Iraq. We've witnessed many western European powers, always ready to battle again, send troops into positions. Bloodlusting Thatcher was even at it again threatening nuclear retaliation against an Iraqi chemical warfare attack. Japan, already a victim of such an atrocity, has also been forced into a position that might require them to send troops off the islands for the first time since the end of World War Two.

Even with threats of possibly attack against Iraq by our government, we speculated that nothing would happen until after the November elections here in the U.S. As predictable, two days after the elections it was announced that troop levels would be doubled to give capacity for a decisive first-strike capability. (Perhaps the Republicans were so upset that they lost so much ground in the election they want a war to make themselves feel better??)

The argument that the U.S. military leaders have is that although we are less in numbers, U.S. technological superiority will more than make up for it and will enable 'our' forces to crush the Iraqi's. Now does that sound like Vietnam or what? Not only have dozens of soldiers already died because of accidents, but so will thousands more when the stuff doesn't work at all under actual battlefield conditions. Not only that, but most of the U.S. soldiers haven't seen battle and are already in a sad state of moral. On the Iraqi side, things are quite different. The troops, already heros for victory against Iran, but are battle tested and using battle-tested equipment. Whatever the outcome, tens of thousands of troops will dies on both sides if a fighting war breaks out; which is becoming an inevitability as our government sends over more and more soldiers.

Whatever my background might have been, I know if I was over there right now my first priority would be to get the fuck out as quickly as possible. Desertion would be my foremost thought on my mind. "Fuck the Iraqi's, fuck Kuwait, fuck the government...I quit!" If I wasn't already over there and in the military, I'd still be out of here because who knows when you could be shipped over to become the next unknown soldier?

With the prospect of a potentially drawn-out war, there's a very real possibility of a draft reinstatement. Now that effects a lot of people here; we're talking every able-bodied male ages 18-28, with the younger most likely to go first). If you were suckered into registering, perhaps a requirement for admission into college, then the best advise would be to make emergency plans. If you've yet to register, DON'T!!! School can wait until the war is over, but emergency plans should be made as well. Don't underestimate the government here. At the push of a few buttons it can locate all of it's youth, especially with information recently compiled from the 1990 census. With advancements in telecommunications, a draft could be effected and implemented in a matter of a few days. The draft boards of the 60's and 70's haven't disappeared, they've just gone dormant until the next war--which could be now!

Let's face it, our nation's 'boys' and 'girls' aren't over there because they want to be. It's obvious that this will be a bloody slaughter for aims that will not directly benefit them at all. The military, for many was the only offer the government had for youth to "get educated" enough to get a job or earn enough money to go to college. Then there's always the gung-ho Rambomaniacs who were duped into military service thinking they were fulfilling some sort of macho, patriotic duty to their country. Whatever the case, the blood will be on the hands of governments as the real workers of the world slaughter each other to bits in far-away lands.

Now for some notes about what we've got going on here at Profane Existence. On the music front there's three new releases out now on Profane Existence Records (see back cover). We've been sort of quiet in that area lately, but problems have held us back from putting stuff out, and we have a number of releases still awaiting for funds. I've been especially busy as of late coordinating these releases with Bill as well as spending quite an amount of time volunteering with A.Y.F. activities. Therefore, this has kept me incredibly busy and leaving only a week to put this issue of P.E. together. With increased coordination of people it is made obvious to me that we will definitely be able to keep up a monthly pace. This is good because the amount of stuff we have to print is begining to pile up and there's no size increase in sight for us. Therefore, some sections and regular features will alternate in printing schedules, and I'm going to holf off on the "Go Vegetarian section until space permits...

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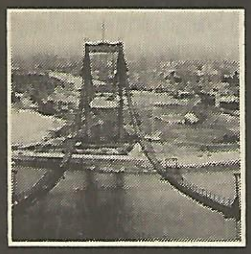

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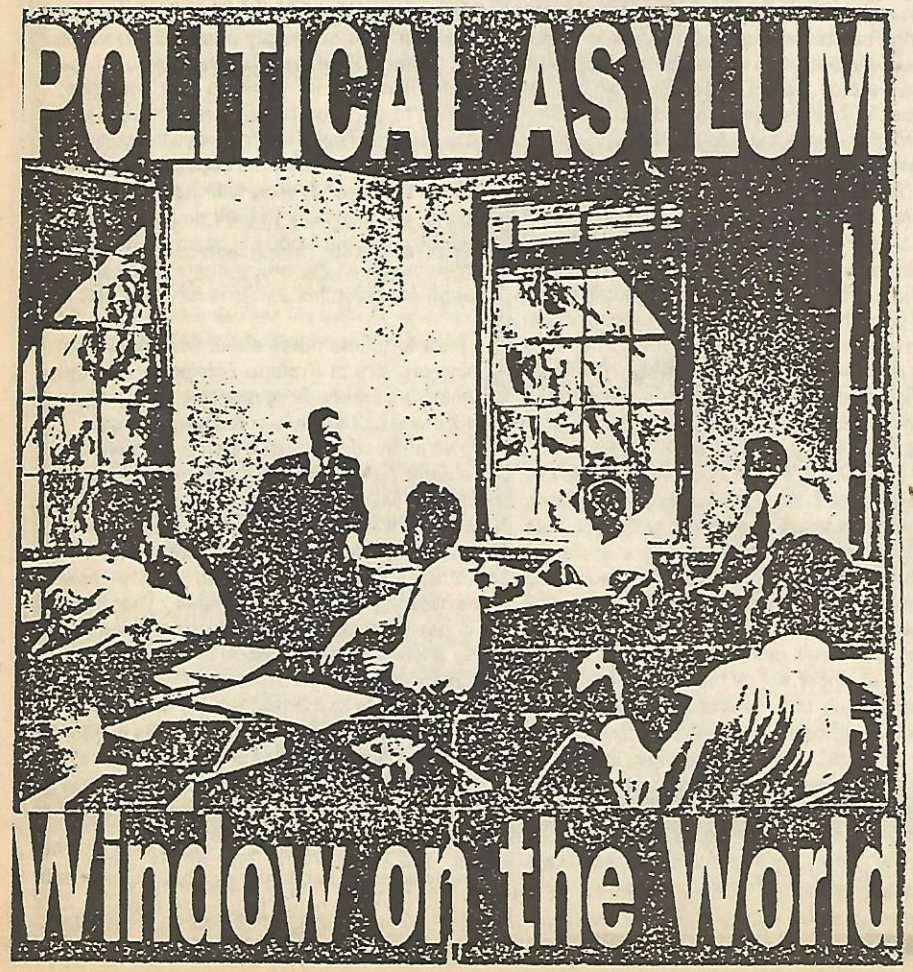

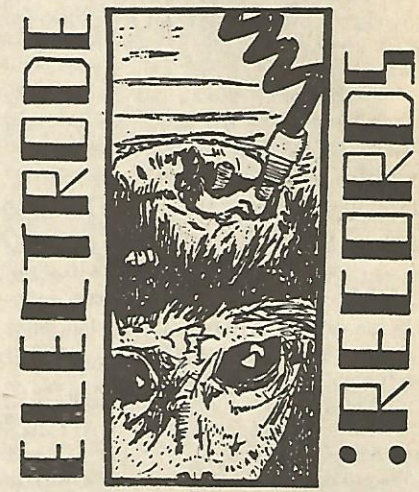

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Italian Anarchists

Like Spain and Russia, Italy moved haphazardly into the industrial age. All three nations developed an industrial elite which, alongside the traditional land owning nobility, lived a life of luxury and decadence. In stark contrast to this tiny ruling elite were the masses of laborers and peasants who toiled endlessly, never to enjoy the benefits of their labor. Italy was to produce a strong and vital anarchist movement during the late 19th century. Although blunted by the Mussolini's fascist dictatorship the anarchist movement lived on in Italy as well as the immigrant centers of Argentina and the U.S. Few Italian anarchists are well known to the English speaking world. Foremost among these are Errico Maletesta, Sacco and Vanzetti. Errico Malatesta was a lifelong anarchist militant and thinker who tirelessly worked to spread the anarchist idea around the world, but most of all in his native Italy. Born in 1853 Malatesta was attracted to politics at an early age. He moved from republicanism to socialism to anarchism as he grew increasingly disillusioned with authoritarian politics. Malatesta was to combine the life of a militant agitator with the reflection and critical powers of a theoretical anarchist. He was a skilled propagandist, spreading the anarchist message by oratory and the written word which could be understood by the common worker upon whom the revolution depended. Malatesta was influenced as a youth by Bakunin and later by Kropotkin but differed from both as his own theories developed. Malatesta loved Italy and its people, in a fraternal rather than nationalistic sense, but was forced to live almost half his life in exile. He was first forced to leave Italy in 1878 and returned only a few times for short periods until 1919 when he returned to stay until his death in 1932. Malatesta spent the later part of the nineteenth century traveling around the globe participating in revolutionary activities and spreading propaganda in such diverse locales as Egypt, Argentina, Romania, the United States and Europe. He was to spend most of the period from 1900 to 1919 living a less active life in England devoting most of his energies to editing and writing for anarchist periodicals in Italian and other languages. He returned to Italy in 1919 to put forward the anarchist message during the dislocation and social unrest following the first world war. The anarchist movement in Italy was unable to stop the rise of fascism, and along with the leftist parties suffered under the censorship and oppression of Mussolini's reign. Malatesta continued to write and work to support himself until his death at the age of 79. He left his mark on the anarchist and labor movements in Europe the Americas and most of all in his native Italy.

ERRICO MALATESTA

Revolution is the creation of new living institutions, new groupings, new social relations, it is the destruction of privileges and monopolies; it is the new spirit of justice, of brotherhood, of freedom which must renew the whole of social life, the moral level and the material conditions of the masses by calling on them to provide, through their direct and conscious action, for their own future.

Revolution is the organization of all public services by those who work in them in their own interest as well as the public's;

Revolution is the destruction of all coercive ties; it is the autonomy of groups, of communes, or regions;

Revolution is the federation brought about by a desire for brotherhood, by individual and collective interests, by the needs of production and defence;

Revolution is the constitution of innumerable free groupings based on ideas, wishes, and tastes of all kinds that exist among people;

Revolution is the forming and disbanding of thousands of representative, district, communal, regional, natural bodies which, without having and legislative power, serve to make known and to coordinate the desires and interests of people near and far and which act through information, advice and example.

Revolution is freedom proved in the crucible of facts -- and lasts so long as freedom lasts, that until others, taking advantage of the weariness that overtakes the masses, of the inevitable disappointments that follow exaggerated hopes, of the probable errors and human faults, succeed in constituting a power, which supported by by an army of conscripts or mercenaries, lays down the law, arrests the movement at the point it has reached, and then begins reaction - Errico Malatesta

Nicolai Sacco and Bortolomeo Vanzetti were a pair of Italian anarchist immigrants living in the United States. They were charged with a murder which occurred during the armed robbery of a factory's payroll in Massachusets in 1921. Whether or not they were guilty is still a subject of debate and the stories this author is acquainted with have the pair involved in various clandestine activities, but not responsible for the robbery they were charged for. The fact that the two were outspoken anarchists made them immediate targets for the wrath of the state during the red scare of the early twenties. They were condemned to death more for the simple fact that they were militant anarchists than having been actually proven guilty of the crime for which they were charged. Their case became the cause of anarchists and later leftists around the world who campaigned and protested for their release. These efforts were to no avail as the two were executed in 1927. The more than any other well known personalities represent the thousands of rank and file anarchists who suffered imprisonment, oppression, exile and death for their belief in a better world.

TAKE BACK YOUR LIFE

A Wimmin's Guide To Alternative Health Care
Part Four: Birth Control (Is It Controlling You?)
By Alicia non Grata

Controlling population has become a serious query in this age of dwindling resources and over population of the planet. But should not wanting a baby (for whatever reason) also seriously endanger your health? As wimmin we have had to take the responsibility for our sexual actions with men in regards to the very real possibility of pregnancy; throughout his/herstory, this responsibility has often been wrought with moral overtones (i.e. having a child is 'punishment' for sexual activity). And where did the sexual revolution bring us? A pill of "liberation" -- under-tested, over-simplified -- birth control pill thought to be a release for wimmin often became their death.

By and large, the means to contraception available to us today have been designed by men and marketed by major pharmaceutical companies in the interests of profits first. Interesting to note that here in the U.S. the majority of doctors are men; in China, where over half the doctors are wimmin, a male birth control pill is being developed.

This particular article in the series took me a very long time to research and write; the information available on natural methods was limited to a few books here and there scattered in natural food stores and wimmin's health centers. As well, I didn't feel I could advocate natural or barrier birth control when I myself had been on the pill for six years. While coming off the pill and researching this article I discovered a lot of horrifying information on exactly how the pill works and some of the effects it has on the body -- effects which I have taken seriously -- from depression brought from vitamin and mineral depletion to life-threatening conditions such as strokes, heart-attacks, and cancer. I urge any womyn out there who is on birth control pills (or an I.U.D. for that matter; it is equally as dangerous) to research their method (an excellent book on the dangers of the pill called The Doctors Case Against the Pill was written by a womyn, Barbara Seaman, who lobbied congress in the early 70's to force the pill and I.U.D. manufacturers to include a detailed patient warning that is included when you are given the pill or an I.U.D. by the doctor). Read carefully this patient warning -- after weighing the risks you may want to reconsider.

The pill is basically composed of the synthetic hormones estrogen and progestin (the amount varies with each type or brand) and works by basically tricking the body's hormonal system into thinking the body is already pregnant; the brain does not send the monthly message to the ovaries to release the egg, so there is no ovulation and no real 'period' on the pill. You simply stop taking them for a week and the hormone levels drop off sharply, causing the citrine lining to disintigrate.

Any drug strong enough to affect a major body system is also bound to affect that system (and possibly others) in a negative way. The pill changes your entire body's biochemistry and the way you assimilate nutrients; the longer you take it, the more damage occurs. The pill creates deficiencies of the following vitamins: C, thiamin (B_1), riboflavin, pyridoxine (B_{12}), folic acid, and E. The nutritional alterations are suspected in playing a role in some of the pill's side effects, including changes in the cervix, depression, irritability, birth defects, susceptibility to infections, and post-pill menstrual disorders[1]. Wimmin who insist on the pill should be aware of these deficiencies and take suppliments. I would strongly advise against taking birth control pills and being a total vegetarian (vegan) unless you are extra sure you are getting enough of the nutrients from the food you eat. Study a good vegan nutritional guide and make sure you are eating well (in other words, you can't be a "convenience vegan" and be on the pill).

Most serious effects of the pill are its effects on the cardiovascular system. Pills have been implicated in the deaths of many wimmin due to clotting disorders, strokes, heart attacks, etc. Those wimmin who have a herstory of these problems in their family should definitely not be taking the pill. Some scary statistics... "Studies have shown that pill users have three to five times more risk of heart attack than other wimmin..."[2] Pill users are twice as likely to die from vascular diseases as non-users between 25-34, and four and one half times as like to die between 35 and 44[3]. As well, the pill increases the growth of certain types of tumors, such as fibroids, an increase in cervical cancer, and may cause pre-diabetic or diabetic conditions due to abnormal glucose tolerance and insulin production.

As well, a "minor" side effect of the pill which turns out to be not so minor is depression. Because of the deficiencies of the B vitamins and folic acid caused by the pill Many pill users become seriously depressed and even suicidal (the B vitamins help maintain proper mental functioning). In London, the Royal College of Physicians found that the rate of suicide among pill users was two to three times as high as among other wimmin; as well, other British researchers have established that one out of every three pill users who were studied showed depressive personality changes[4]. So, if you are on the pill and feeling depressed, rest assured it is not all in your mind.

Another potentially dangerous and health-threatening method of birth control is the I.U.D.; a device placed by a doctor into your uterus which functions by irritating the uterus and preventing the already developing embryo with implantation. Some potential effects of the I.U.D. are severe anemia, perforation (which is what happens when the I.U.D. works its way into the walls of the uterus), and pelvic infection -- more common in wimmin with I.U.D.'s (as is an increased chance of contracting gonorrhea or other sexually transmitted diseases which can lead to permanent sterility). The condom, when used properly, is 97% effective -- the same as the I.U.D. but without the risks.

Barrier methods, such as condoms, diaphragm, and cervical cap offer almost no side effects (occasional irritation from spermicide used with a diaphragm) yet are they as effective? When used properly, they are indeed, particularly the condom and cervical cap. The condom, in this age of AIDS, should be in every womyn who has sex with men's pocket whether she is using another method or not. The condom, unlike the pill, protects against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (the pill actually increases the chance of contracting certain S.T.D.'s due to it's role in changing the vaginal Ph). Using a condom correctly entails that it is put on the erect penis before it enters the vagina (due to the presence of some viable sperm in pre-ejaculatory fluid and withdrawn promptly after the man has an orgasm so that no sperm leaks out. To prevent breakage use a water-based lubricant (like K-Y, etc.) not Vaseline as it will deteriorate the condom. The diaphragm and cervical cap are two barrier methods worth looking into. The diaphragm is a shallow rubber cup with a spring mechanism in the rim which is inserted high in the vagina w/ spermicidal jelly within two hours of intercourse. The cervical cap is a small, thimble-like device which fits over your cervix and can be left in the vagina for days (not during menstruation). The cervical cap seems to afford a higher degree of protection simply because wimmin can leave it in longer and therefore

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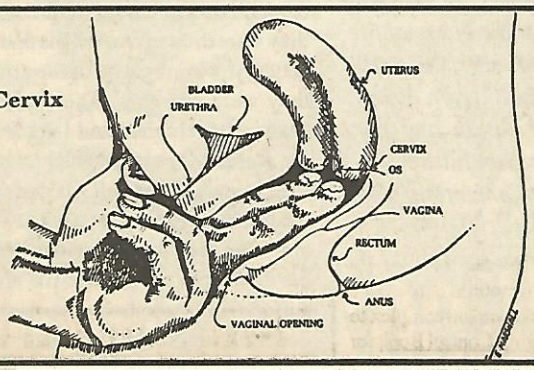

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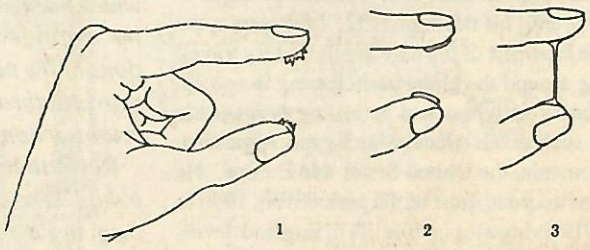

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Beginning Mucus (sticky)	Fertile Mucus (creamy)	Most Fertile Mucus (stretchy)

may be 'spontaneous'. (For more info see Appendix) Both devises must be fit by a doctor.

NATURAL METHODS

Natural methods of contraception / birth control / conscious conception are not as confusing and complex as you may have heard. Basically, what these methods (i.e. ovulation signs, fertility awareness, etc.) entail is what this series of articles is all about - demystifying your own body, noting the changes that signal approaching ovulation, becoming comfortable with recognizing what secretions are and what they mean, etc. In learning natural methods you will become more attuned to your body, what you eat, what medicines you take, your emotional state -- the whole picture, not just the isolated reproductive organs. Natural birth control goes far beyond it's intention of just just finding out when you are most fertile and then avoiding intercourse on those days. In overcoming taboos about touching yourself and your secretions and viewing your cervix and vagina with a speculum, mirror and flashlight you are learning about your body, your life. Infections, for example, are easy to treat yourself if you know what to look for, know what normal vaginal mucus is and what aberrant. Why in this society is it O.K. for a doctor, a total stranger, to drape you up and spread your legs on stirrups to view your vagina but "freaky" for a womyn to do a vaginal self exam or meet in self-help groups for the purpose of helping each other learn? Whose body is it anyway? In overcoming our fears and disgust over our own vaginal secretions--mucus, discharge, menstrual blood, sweat--we stand to gain a world of knowledge and confidence in ourselves, for ourselves.

Ileaming about natural birth control, basic knowledge of the reproductive system is needed for an understanding of how it works. (The information in the following section was condensed from Natural Birth Control Book, chapter on "Ovulation Signs and Fertility Awareness," by Barbara Feldman--see appendix)

1.) Two hormones which control and regulate menstrual cycle--estrogen (dominant before ovulation) and progesterone (dominant after ovulation).

2.) The egg can live up to 24 hours after ovulation. Sperm deposited in the vagina where mucus is present can fertilize and egg up to 72 hours (3 days) at most. The important thing to remember is that sperm life is short if there is no mucus present.

3.) Ovulation occurs approximately 12 to 16 days before menstruation in most wimmin (average 14 days). This time span remains consistent for each individual but can very as a result of stress, diet, travel, infection, etc.

4.) Ovulation usually occurs once per cycle. As estrogen levels gradually rise in the beginning of the cycle, cells inside the cervix respond by producing mucus. The function of mucus during the fertile time is to protect it from the acidic environment inside the vagina, nourishes it with glucose, and forms channels which guide the sperm towards the fallopian tubes. At the most infertile times mucus forms a plug in the opening of the cervix, keeping sperm and bacteria from entering.

OK, now that we know the basic facts, the next steps involve observing and charting mucus secretions at the outside of the vagina (noting the qualities--stretchability, color, texture, and amount). ***This article is not intended to provide all of the necessary information for this method--just basic tenets of how it works. Do not attempt to practice this method on these suggestions alone.*** Read the Natural Birth Control Book or other books on fertility signs for the complete scenario. I'm just trying to show how the method works--you follow up with more reading--not enough space here!

OK, here's how it works, roughly. The first sign of any mucus indicates potential fertility, as sperm can survive and wait for the approaching ovulation (sneaky bastards). Usually this beginning mucus is in small amounts and is past, thick, white or yellow. It does not stretch (see diagram). Very fertile type mucus is stretchy, clear, slippery, and more abundant. It may be brown or pinkish, indicating ovulation. This mucus indicates the time when you are most likely to get pregnant. After ovulation, the mucus tapers off and becomes white and pasty again.

Please note that infection, stress, illness, medication and barrier methods of contraception can alter the mucus or cause confusing changes. When in doubt, don't (or use a condom)!

A method to use in conjunction with mucus signs is temperature charting. After ovulation the basal body temperature is increased due to the surge in progesterone. To record tis change buy as basal thermometer (available at a drug store) which is more accurate. you take your temperature in the morning, first thing, and record it.

Changes in the cervix are also affected by fluctuating hormone levels and can be used along with temperature/mucus signs. To observe cervical signs you insert one or two fingers into your vagina until you feel your cervix (the cervix has been described as feeling like the end of your nose, but softer). Another way to observe your cervix is to actually view it with your own eyes via a plastic speculum (comes in several sizes and available from a nurse, clinic, or wimmin's group). You lie back, insert the speculum, and then use a mirror and a flashlight to view it. As ovulation approaches, the cervix changes by becoming softer, higher in the vaginal canal and more difficult to reach, more open, and wetter and slipperier with fertile-type mucus. After ovulation, the cervix changes back becoming firmer and harder, lower, closed and drier. An easy way to remember your most fertile signs is the word S.H.O.W.--soft, high, open, wet.

Fertility awareness is most effective when you do the following: Keep accurate charts, strictly following 'rules', combine mucus and temperature signs and abstain from intercourse on the days you are fertile. This method may seem complex and time consuming but in reality only takes about seven minutes a day to check the signs and chart them (five of these minutes are spent taking your temperature). If this method seems good for you check out one of the sources at the end of this article. Other sources may be wimmin's groups, Planned Parenthood, and private instructors.

As well, there are 'psychic' birth control methods--such as hypocontreception (which uses hypnosis to suppress ovulation) and Lunaception or Lunar fertility cycles (which refers to the fact that wimmin tend to be less fertile when the moon is in the same phase it was at their birth). Both are too complex to go into here; consult Natural Birth Control Book for more information. These methods may give an extra "edge: when combined with other natural birth control methods.

There are also some herbs which may cause temporary or permanent sterility. I do not know anyone who has used them, their effects, et cetera. The book Hygeia, A Women's Herbal by Jeannine Parvati lists some for herstorical purposes, so if you're curious about herbs which cause conditions of temporary or permanent sterility you can look there.

To me, the term "herbal birth control" refers more to the using of herbs to help regulate and understand your menstruation--then you become more familiar with your body and can use ovulation signs and fertility awareness with a greater degree of effectiveness. Also, do not confuse herbal abortifacents (herbs that cause abortions) with others that help bring on a delayed mensus. I will talk about herbal abortifacents more in a later article.

This article was intended to give you a chance for some control in your decision on whether or not to become pregnant. Remember, no matter what method you choose, it's your body and your decision. Ask your doctor as much as you can about any method you may be considering, and don't let him/her push you into taking the pill (a lot of doctors will assume you are too "irresponsible" or "lazy" for any method except the pill). Becoming more familiar with your body does not entail any special responsibility--it is as simple as taking your life back from those who have turned wimmin's health into another marketable commodity, another product, another problem that needs to be solved with drugs and specialized care. you know your body best--listen to it, and yourself, over any "experts" advise.

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An excellent sourcebook and self-help guide for wimmin is How to Stay Out of the Gynecologists Office by the Federation of Feminist Health Centers. The book is available for $9.95 plus shipping and handling (write to the National Office / 309 Santa Monica Boulevard Ste. 306 / Santa Monica, CA 90401

Fertility awareness method info:

- Emma Goldman Clinic for Women / 715 N. Dodge / Iowa City, IA 52240. (publishes a pamphlet called Self Help. Fertility and Birth Control--A Feminist approach to Determining Ovulation for $1.50)
- Barbara Feldman / 342 E. 15th St #D / New York, NY 10003 / (212) 475-4490 (info on fertility awareness and natural birth control)

Cervical Cap Information

- Natural Women's Health Network / 224 7th St. S.E. / Washington, D.C. 20003 (send for a list of providers - $2)
- James Koth, MD / 1032 Beacon St. / Brookline, MA 02146
- Boston Feminist Health Collective / P.O. Box 192 / West Somerville, MA 02144 / (617) 924-0270

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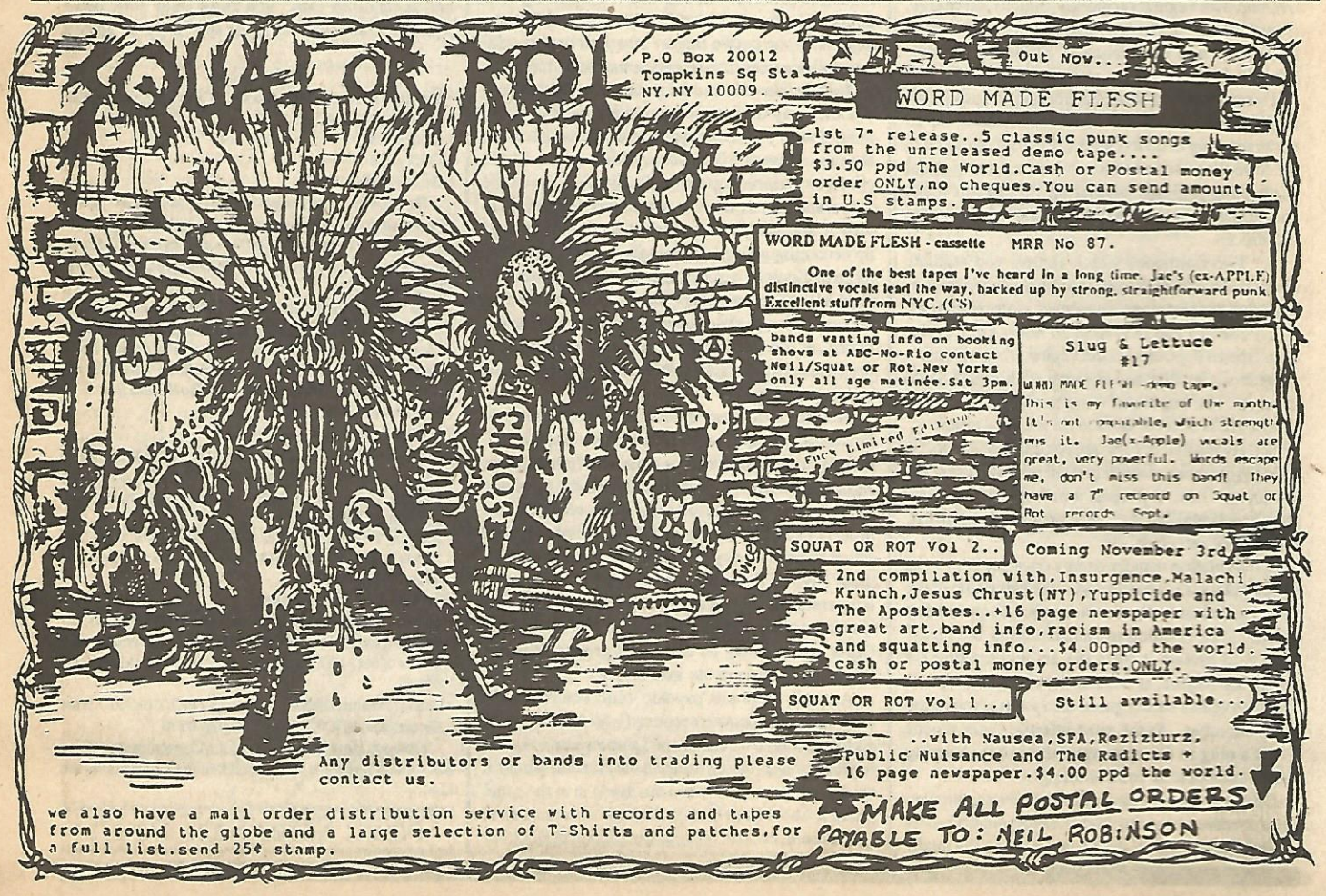
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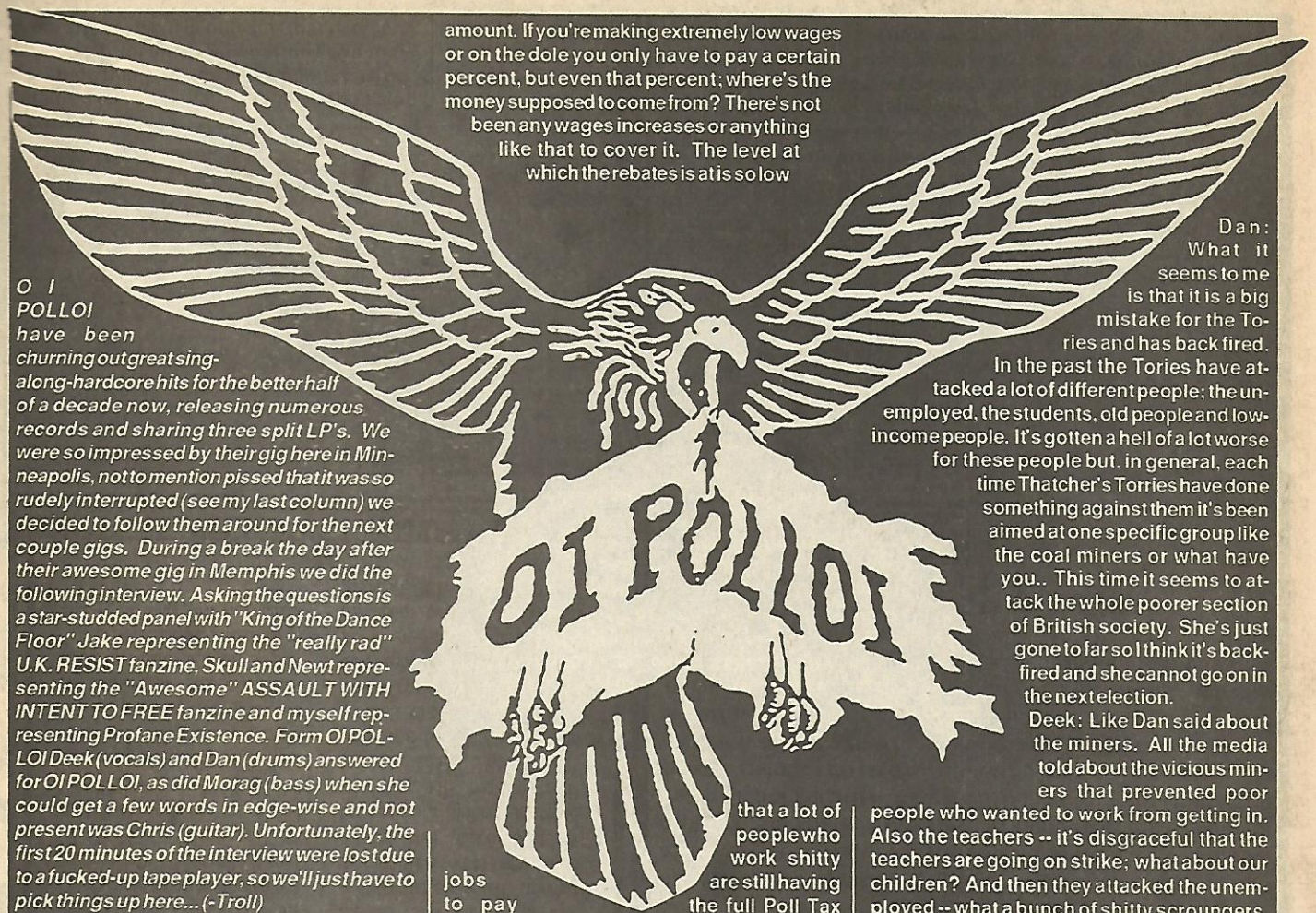


O I POLLOI have been churning out great sing-along-hardcore hits for the better half of a decade now, releasing numerous records and sharing three split LP's. We were so impressed by their gig here in Minneapolis, not to mention pissed that it was so rudely interrupted (see my last column) we decided to follow them around for the next couple gigs. During a break the day after their awesome gig in Memphis we did the following interview. Asking the questions is a star-studded panel with "King of the Dance Floor" Jake representing the "really rad" U.K. RESIST fanzine, Skull and Newt representing the "Awesome" ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO FREE fanzine and myself representing Profane Existence. Form OI POLLOI Deek (vocals) and Dan (drums) answered for OI POLLOI, as did Morag (bass) when she could get a few words in edge-wise and not present was Chris (guitar). Unfortunately, the first 20 minutes of the interview were lost due to a fucked-up tape player, so we'll just have to pick things up here... (-Troll)

Skull: Let's talk about the Poll Tax. How does the Poll Tax work?

Dan: It doesn't!

Newt: What was the reason it was put into effect?

Deek: There was a thing that was sort of a property tax called "Rates" and you were taxed on the sort of property you had. So if you had a huge house you would pay a lot of money and if you had a small house you didn't pay very much. If you don't own a house because you're a student or on the dole than you didn't pay anything. There were some cases where that was quite unfair because, as used as the common example which probably didn't happen as much as people made out, was of the little old lady who just happened to live in a big house who had no income and was being forced to pay all this money for Rates and couldn't afford it. On the other side you had people with lots of money and lived in a small house and weren't paying that much. So that was the government's reason, os supposed reason for changing this. What we've got now is a situation where everyone is supposed to pay the same thing. And they say that everyone is supposed to benefit from the services from an area so it is only fair that everyone should pay for them. So what they've done is created a thing called a "community charge" where everyone in an area pays the same amount. If you're making extremely low wages or on the dole you only have to pay a certain percent, but even that percent; where's the money supposed to come from? There's not been any wages increases or anything like that to cover it. The level at which the rebates is at is so low that a lot of people who work shitty jobs are still having to pay the full Poll Tax which can be an extra eight to ten pounds a week which they didn't have before. People just can't afford to pay it. And it's going to go up and up because business are having to pay less. It's going to mean that local authorities (our government's really against local government) have gotten the job of collecting this money in. they've done it quite well because if people don't pay that just fucks up the local government. Our government is quite happy to see the local governments get fucked up. This means that local governments won't be able to cover services and privatize them - -so you'll have to pay to go to the libraries, you'll have to pay to go swimming and all these people who are on pensions are getting them cut to keep the community charge low. The idea is that Labor councils that spend money on services will have to have community charges that will be up so high that people will vote against them and they'll vote Tory people in. That's the idea behind it.

Troll: So is it working?

Deek: We'll have to see what happens.

Dan: People aren't blaming their local government's half as much as the government thought they would.

Skull: I've heard a lot of government hard-liners have switched sides of this issue. Do you think this will hurt Thatcher?

Morag: It already has. People want her out before the next election.

Dan: What it seems to me is that it is a big mistake for the Tories and has back fired. In the past the Tories have attacked a lot of different people; the unemployed, the students, old people and low-income people. It's gotten a hell of a lot worse for these people but. in general, each time Thatcher's Torries have done something against them it's been aimed at one specific group like the coal miners or what have you.. This time it seems to attack the whole poorer section of British society. She's just gone to far so I think it's back-fired and she cannot go on in the next election.

Deek: Like Dan said about the miners. All the media told about the vicious miners that prevented poor people who wanted to work from getting in. Also the teachers -- it's disgraceful that the teachers are going on strike; what about our children? And then they attacked the unemployed -- what a bunch of shitty scroungers. This time they attacked everybody. Also, with all of these other struggles, for the people being attacked to win, they needed active support. People neede to actually get out and do something. But with the Poll Tax the good thing is that there's loads of people who maybe aren't going to go out in the streets about it but when the Poll Tax bill comes through the door they just say "Fuck this I'm not going to pay" and chuck it into the bin. You don't actually need to particularly do anything to stop it, just not to be bothered to pay.

Troll: Do you think that what you're doing is helping encourage people not to pay?

Deek: Yeah, there's a really good feeling on the streets and there's graffiti everywhere. In the city I used to live, Edinborough, at the supermarket there's a stall outside with some old men manning it. And they say like "I hope you're not paying laddy" and I just sort of laugh and say "No no." The other thing I think is really good about it is that because some people aren't paying and some people are, the people that aren't need to know people they can rely on for support if the bailiffs come around and try to sell their stuff. You're getting a lot of street committees formed and it's getting a real sense of community together. Like on our street in York they brought the Poll tax in a year after they did in Scotland and we've just been getting a street committee together in the last few months. We discovered people on our street

that we never knew before that are really anti-Poll Tax so it's getting a really good feeling. It's getting the community together. So often folks just sit in their house and you know they come home from work and watch TV and go to bed and then get up to go to work the next day. They don't even know the people who live a couple of doors down and that's one of the major ways the authorities keep us in the shit. We're so isolated that we don't know who to turn to when you get a threatening letter through your door saying if you don't pay this you're getting taken to court. What can we do? If they know that everyone else on the street supports them it gives people a lot of strength. I think that's really, really important.

Skull: So how many people haven't paid like in Scotland where it's fully implemented?

Deek: The press say it's a million who haven't paid so it has to be more. That's out of a population of five million people who should pay. That's not including prisoners and children. Scotland has the highest proportion of the population in prisons of all of Europe.

Dan: As time goes on more and more people are going to get behind. You have to pay it in installments and the more time that goes on the more people are going to become late on payments. The people who just don't have the money and can't afford to pay it just aren't going to. As time goes on more people are just going to find they don't have the resources to make payments.

Deek: Especially when they see loads of people who aren't paying and are getting away with it.

Troll: So what are the consequences for not paying?

Morag: If you haven't paid then they start sending out demand notices and the send bailiffs to people's houses to poind furniture and possessions.

Dan: Every time they send bailiffs around like in Edinborough there's always masses of people in the streets to prevent it. When we left I think they still haven't managed to do one poinding. I got a notice that said if I didn't pay in five days the bailiffs would be around.

Deek: There's only like 50 bailiffs in the whole of Scotland and million people who haven't paid -- seventeen years it would take them to get an awful lot of kickings...

Newt: So what do you think the future of the Poll Tax is?

Morag: It's going to disappear because they just can't implement it.

Dan: I think it definitely means that a lot of people will vote Labor just to get rid of the Poll Tax

Jake: Would you vote labor to get rid of the Poll Tax?

Dan: Probably.

Deek: I think it would be quite good if Labor got in because then folk could see what a bunch of wankers they are as well! There's a lot of young people who can't remember a Labor government.

Dan: I was only 10 when Thatcher was voted in so all I can remember really is having Thatcher in power.

Deek: The best years years of you life ruined by Thatcher. the evil old crone.

Dan: That's right!

Troll: So have you gotten any flak about sort of actively "promoting" violence in your lyrics?

Deek: Not really anymore. Quite a few years ago when there was this thing with pacifism and bands like CRASS and FLUX were really popular. But people have realized that pacifism is a nice idea but it doesn't work. I mean there's some cases where you can do a tremendous amount with non violence and I think that's great and I think that non violence should be used whenever possible. But just to say that violence is wrong and never use it is ridiculous. Suppose you're a villager in Nicaragua and some Contras attack your village and are going to torture you or something. You can't reason with these people or give them a flower. It's like that with the cops. You can't reason with these folk. The only thing they understand is a scaffolding pole to the head or something...

Troll: So what's wrong with smoking?

Dan: Smoking's nasty.

Morag: If you have seen as many people die of lung cancer from smoking as I have you wouldn't smoke.

Dan: I don't want to offend anyone here but I cannot basically understand why people smoke. Obviously it is a health risk and it is one thing that really does piss me off. You go somewhere just sitting there quitely around people that are smoking and in a way it's murder. I could die of cancer from other people's cigarette fumes and does piss me off a lot. It seems one of the most daff things in the world to do.

Deek: There was a thing that I was reading just now and it pointed out that cigarettes are one of the few products, along with guns, that if used correctly cause death for the user. I mean guns weren't even meant to cause death for the user.

Dan: I don't give a shit if people want to kill themselves -- if that's what they want then that's up to them. But when other people are smoking it harms the environment, it harms other people...

Troll: As a smoker I can safely sound advise would be never to start...

Dan: It's so strange why people start.

Deek: I think a lot of it's just a thing about trying to be hard or trying to do the opposite of what you're told.

Dan: It's one of those things that if you don't smoke by the time you're 20 then there's hardly a chance that you'll smoke after that. Most people start smoking when they're at school and it's sort of a rebellion.

Deek: When measured in environmental damage I don't think a lot of people realize is that there are a hell of a lot of trees cut down just so people can smoke cigarette. Tobacco companies pay higher for tobacco that's smoke dried and when it comes from the third world is dried off trees that are cut. I don't like people spouting ecological stuff to me when they're smoking a fag at the same time. I mean we can say we don't mind people killing themselves, obviously we do, but...

Dan: Yeah, it's their choice and I rather they didn't but people are effecting others as well.

Deek: And another thing. even if it is their choice and they do go to the hospital. they are taking up beds. What is it, a hundred thousand people in Britain that actually die of it and most of them will be going through a hospital bed at one time or another I imagine because of it. It's fucking outrageous. Have you heard of that group Bugger Off? I think it started in Australia. Billboard Utilizing Graffiti Artists Against Unhealthy Promotions. What they do is like spray paint tobacco company billboards and change them around. Like "Come to Cancer Country..." I've seen that in Britain a few times and I think that's really good to see. I think more and more people must stand up to say yes it does offend me. Because usually when people ask "Do you mind if I smoke?" you almost instinctively say it's OK.

Dan: I'm not nearly as positive about it as I would like to be; I don't state reminders as often as I would like to. It's really just something you have to try to do. If it does offend you then you should just say it.

Deek: Another thing is that so many people that are involved in the "anarcho-punk" scene smoke that quite often it's ignored. We got a lot of flak for putting out anti-smoking stuff. You know. "Who do you think you are to tell us that we should do this?" Meanwhile these people are giving us cancer or whatever.

Dan: It's not like we're telling people what to do; we're just sort of suggesting...

Troll: OK Deek, so what's this new "doomsday theory" I've been hearing so much about?

Deek: Jake named it that. It's not like I went to him and said "Hey Jake, have you heard my new doomsday theory?"

Jake: But that is the way it sounded!

Deek: Well, one of the thing that I think is most important is the environment stuff we talk about... wow, the awesome sounds of DISCHARGE are emanating from next door -- this is great! I suddenly have the urge to go pogo out of the room...

Dan: Doomsday theory Deek?

Deek: Oh yeah... I was just going to say something about the environment in general... yeah, yeah; a lot of things just seem to pale into insignificance beside it. I mean you have a lot of people saying "Hey man, I thought you we're my friend and you let me down" I find it really strange that more bands aren't saying some sensible stuff about this...

Dan: I think it's just a case of people getting sick of, well Britain anyway, after so many years of CRASS bands there's really no political bands anymore.

Deek: Well, there never really has been a lot of bands singing about environmental stuff....

(Meanwhile, ourselves unsuspecting, NUNCA MAS were causing mass havoc in the kitchen, which in turn caused the annoyingly well-working fire alarm to go off, thus interrupting the interview. After a few quick blows, the device was rendered silent and we continued...)

Deek: Anyway, about this doomsday theory... Jake was asking me about the greenhouse effect which I think is the most serious thing to get worked up about at the moment. There's a lot of people that just don't seem to realize what's coming.

Jake: You were saying that in Britain the government was encouraging building more roads.

Deek: The whole way of life in the industrialized countries is like we are having a massive party. We are living ridiculously luxurious lifestyle and future generations are going to have to pay the cost of this for thousands of years to come. The benefits of what we call the industrial revolution have lasted 100 years and we have certainly not more than 50 ahead. It's such a tiny amount of time and for the rest of history people are going to have to pay the price of this. They're going to look back and wonder what the fuck was going on. I mean our grand children are going to look back and say "What the fuck were you playing at?" People seem to think they have the right to a car. If everyone in the world had one the planet would be suffocated in a matter of months. Cars are a major cause of the greenhouse effect. In Britain specifically they have a situation that's like a raging fire and instead of putting water on it they're putting petrol on it because they're cutting the rail networks. More and more people are going to have to use cars and build more roads. the greenhouse effect is already here and we can't stop it, but in the next five to ten years we could do a hell of a lot to change how bad it's going to be in the next century. But instead of doing all the things that we should be doing now like vastly increasing public transport and discouraging the use of cars, the governments are doing exactly the opposite.

Troll: But how do we reach people and convince them to change things?

Deek: Everybody has got to change their own lifestyle and change as many of their mates as possible. And it's going to require, when the situation becomes desperate, a bit of mentalness as well. I don't really know. Obviously we have stuff like street theater, demos, and this kind of stuff. We are only limited by people's imagination I suppose. The thing is that a lot of people seem to think that by having a less-luxurious lifestyle is somehow having a worse life. I'm in complete disagreement with that. I think that the simpler you keep your life, I mean you obviously want to have a roof over your head and food and stuff; I don't think that with all the goods and stuff we've got that people are particularly happier. I think people are alienated because of it and isolated from each other because of their shitty jobs. They're rushing around working very hard to get money to buy goods and things that will supposedly save them time. but you've got to spend so much more time working to get this stuff that you end up worse of than you were originally.

Dan: Say ten years ago you didn't have a video and didn't think twice about not owning one. A lot of people these days think if you haven't got a video "Oh God..." You're not any happier now that you've got a video than you were ten years ago when you didn't know they existed.

Troll: Things that at one time were luxuries are now the norm.

Dan: It's like we grew up with tellies. It's easy to say that the tellie has been an intregal part of your life, what would I do without a tellie? It's not until you don't have access to a tellie when you realize you don't need one. You have all these things you don't need but are just conditioned to think you do.

Deek: I've got a piece of advise to the readers and that is that if you smash up your T.V. set, I guarantee you will have a better life.

Troll: Seriously, I'll second that.

Deek: I mean look at soap operas. You can spend four hours a week watching soap operas and it has no effect on you but you've lost a load of your life. I mean sometimes if I sit down to watch the news headlines and some shit comes on afterward I suddenly picture someone kind of looking at me sitting in front of the tellie, looking at a box. I say fuck that and turn it off and get on with my life. I grew up most of my life without a tellie and we had a really good time because we got to spend more time with other people to build friendship. When you go over to someone's house and they have the T.V. on it sort of kills the conversation.

Dan: It's a one-way process and you're not contributing to it, just a spectator. You don't play any part and you can't really develop anything that you've got.

Deek: It kills the sort of sense of community that we were talking about earlier... Most people these days just don't know the people living around them and this creates kind of tension and fear and all kinds of stuff.

Dan: You still haven't gone on with your doomsday theory...

Deek: Yeah, we were just talking about this sort of ludicrous lifestyle we've got at the moment. I don't think we're any happier, in fact I think we're far worse off. So living simply doesn't mean living worse. It's true that the more things we've got the more things we have to worry about. Like they say, you're truly rich if you have good health, a few good friends, a place to live and a cat... You can get far more enjoyment out of a relationship with other people than you can with a motorized speedboat or something... Anyway, the consequences of all this shit, the doomsday scenario, the greenhouse effect... People keep talking about this stuff like the greenhouse effect like it's till a possibility and isn't already here. Like the moronic stuff in the papers in Britain I've seen shit like Tory MP's who come out with this shit like we should be ready to seize the new opportunities that will be created by the fact that in the south of England that we'll be able to grow massive vineyards there and creating new markets for English wines and stuff like this.

Morag: But the problem is the south of England will be underwater.

Deek: That's another big thing with things getting flooded and being underwater. People seem to think it's a couple hundred years away and we shouldn't worry about it. But they don't realize that in the next couple of years... We're already seeing the hottest temperatures certainly in Britain in the last few summers which have been really, really hot, like never before. This year we had a lot of flooding in Wales with villages going underwater. Even if things aren't completely underwater all the time, if you're succeptable to flooding that's going to fuck things up totally. The governments are going to have to spend billions on sea defenses that are still going to get broken through occasionally. There's going to be all these storms all over the place and massive famine

Like the big grain belt in North America has already had a couple of bad summers. All we need is like three in a row and what's going to happen? The prices of food are going to go up. The major thing is with the climate changing, the habitat for plants will all be changed. If like the temperature zones are moved a couple of degrees north or south, they're going to move too fast for plants to follow them. So everywhere plants are going to be trying to grow in climates they're not suited to and they're all going to be fucked up. It's going to result with human beings trying to fucking dig them up and move them.

Jake: What's the Third World effect?

Deek: Well, Third World countries are going to be worse. Loads of people are going starve, more than even at the moment. Places like Bangladesh that already have tens of thousands of people dying every year due to flooding, there's going to be hundreds of thousands. They're going to try to move and who's going to say "Ah yes, five million Bangladesh just kind of come on in?" You know, it's going to start huge wars and stuff. I don't know. Folk aren't just taking it seriously because it's so horrific to think about it.

Dan: People just try to block it out and think it's not going to happen or "they" will do something about it. You just sort of assume that somebody, somewhere will make everything alright.

Morag: The planet is going to die. I mean, you speak to a businessman and he wouldn't even think twice about it.

Deek: So what do you think we should do? I think we should go out and party. I sometimes think that way but personally I'm determined that if it happens it's not going to be because of lack of trying. I don't think I would like to try to convince a businessman because as long as you have businessmen that's the way things are going to go... I think you've got to whatever you can. I mean even if everything does end up in shit creek, at least I won't be on my death bed think "fucking hell, I wish I would have done something about it." I know that I will have done something.

Dan: It's sort of difficult to say what you can and cannot do. I mean you can say yeah, we've got to get rid of businessmen. What are you going to do; draw up a hitlist of the ten worst businesses, find out who's on top and then kill them?

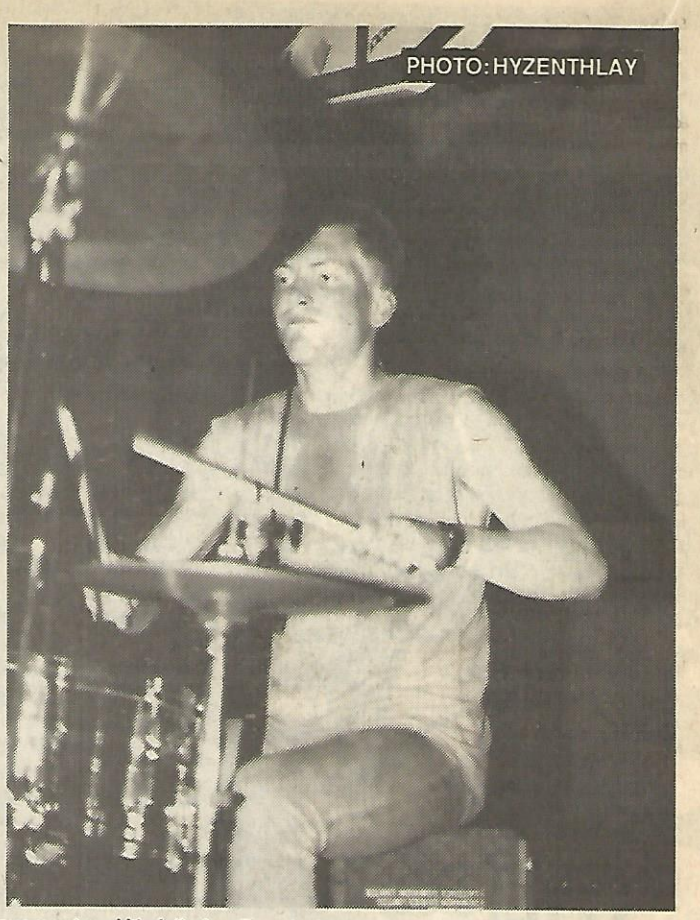
Morag: Someone else will just take over.

Jake: That's what the West German terrorists have done.

Deek: I must admit that actually, that would be fuckin' brilliant if people started doing that.

Dan: But great, so who's going to do it?

Deek: Well, some people already are like Jake's talking about. Have you read John's book yet, the Eco Wars? Now there's a book to recommend to everyone, it's by David Day and it's called Eco Wars: A Layman's Guide to the Ecology Movement and it's full of example of, when you say, "what can you do?" It's full of examples of what people have done. like fucking businessmen being blown away and loads of really mental things that people have done. Like actions against the whalers. People sit back and say "Oh my God, all these whales are being killed" but there's numerous instances in here where people have said that they're not going to sit back and moan about it.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People have limpet mined all these whaling ships. I only thought it was a couple but apparently there have been eight whaling ships that have been destroyed just by people blowing them up. There were these other people that went into Iceland's big whaling factory and just demolished it. That's what needs to be done. Mass direct action and extreme amounts of violence. You have to change your own lifestyle, change your friend's and do it that way, but as well as that, there has to be direct actions as well. There's got to be more and more people doing it...

Dan: (to us) Quickly what do you think of people like Earth First!? What do the anarchists think of them because I've heard some dodgy things.

Skull: A lot of it is leaders. There's a lot of elitist ideals and problems with homophobia and other over-all problems. It's the more localized groups that are getting things done and are doing a lot.

Troll: It's such a big thing and isn't founded on anarchist principles so you can expect for me to agree with them all the way. For the most part it's a single issue group.

Newt: I can agree with their environmental things, but not with other things.

Troll: It's good that it's just a single issue group because a lot of people can become connected regardless of background. There's always room to take things a step further.

Deek: Hopefully if people start working together on some things they will be exposed to other ideas. It's what happens with the hunt

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sabbing. People come out that are meat eaters and end up being veggies because they are exposed to new ideas. I know folk have been talking in Britain about some sort of green front along the lines of like the A.L.F. I mean there's already people doing stuff like that but it would be really good if there were a lot more. I find it a bit sad, well I can understand why to a certain extent, that you've got these people that are supposedly into this stuff, sing about it and stuff, but things are so desperate people should be screaming out about it and doing something. It's unlike the Poll Tax because people can't directly feel the effects all the time, like being slowly poisoned by deadly chemical in the atmosphere but they don't realize it, but when something comes through the door and you've got to pay all this money, then... If stuff doesn't happen and people don't get off their asses and do stuff pretty quick what's going to happen ten years from now or maybe sooner. Governments are going to be forced to do something and they're going to use the ecological crisis as an excuse for all kinds of repressive measures. If they started working on this stuff years ago, like the technology to build things that don't pollute the atmosphere... I think the important thing is, even though these problems are very difficult, you never can let yourself become sort of cynical. You have to say "I will not accept that there is nothing that can be done."

Troll: Does anyone have any more questions? (a bloody fight ensues with all the fanzine editors. Meanwhile...)

Deek: I would like to thank all the people who put us up or helped in any way because we've come into contact with an extremely large amount of people in a short time and I can't remember all their names...

Dan: The wierdest thing happened in Minneapolis with gangs of skinheads shooting each other outside. That's totally wierd that two gangs of skinheads totally kicking the shit out of each other outside the venue. I'm not used to stuff like that. It was pretty strange to see.

Deek: In contrast I want to rave about this Ottawa thing; Rock Against Racism. The skins up there set the whole thing up. It was three days and what 30 bands. There were crust bands, 77-type punk bands, ska bands all playing together. I didn't see any violence.

Dan: Yeah there was no trouble and everyone was getting along brilliantly. There were skins and punks there and no trouble at all.

Deek: There were loads of stalls with literature available. They made food for all the bands. There were also workshops the day after and I was surprised so many people stayed for them... In Britain I suspect that people would only stay for the music and then go home.

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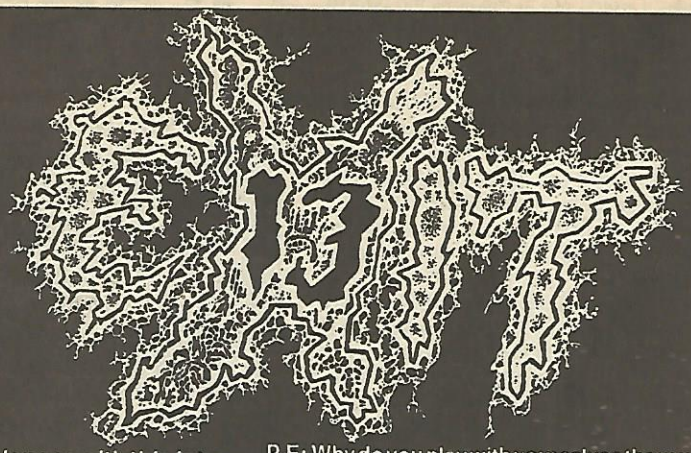

Any band that's got an EP on a label called Thrash Records has to be pretty darn noisy right? Well, that's and easy one... Interviewed here is EXIT 13 and they've got lots to say so there's no reason to go on any longer with this introduction. Bill X-Sids tossed the questions their way and this is what we got back from these sexually deprived maniacs...

P.E: University punk fuckers what do you have to say for yourselves?

Bill Hey I've never been called a "university punk fucker" before Here's what I have to say We are EXIT 13 We play groovy music influenced by hardcore death metal and industrial We sing about awful things like the destruction of our planet human stupidity idiots morons greed pollution and stuff like that 'than We just finished recording our debut LP titled "Green is God!" It's being put out by Matthias Weigand in West Germany and will be available in October We aim to make people think and entertain them musically Pure and simple Grindcore for the 90's

P.E: And beyond that how would you implement what you propose?

Bill We implement it by writing music answering interviews and performing live (usually for free)

P.E: Ever heard of a barber?

Pat Yeah your dad PS I didn't tip

Joel Yep sure have Floyd

Pat Isn't that the barter system?

Steve Barbara Walters?

Bill How about that Sweeny Todd the demon barber of fleet street Or "The Barber of Siville" by Rossini We should cover that!

P.E: Why do you play with yourselves the way you do?

Pat Because we can't find any Minneapolis babes send us some out! *(Oh baby is that an invitation? Ed)*

Joel Because it feels good

Bill Because of a deep seated neurological discrepancies incurred during early childhood

Steve To lower sperm counts

P.E: Ever heard of "The First Church of Appliantology?" Give references.

Pat The First Church of Apple Crust? Reference "Are You High" Ozzy Osbourne circa 1974

Joel No

Steve No

Bill Can't say I have Please explain and give references *(Anyone? Ed)*

P.E: Does Camus satisfy you?

Bill "To think is first off all to create a world (or limit one's own world which comes from the same thing) It is starting out from the basic disagreement that separates man from his experience in order to find a common ground according to one's nostalgia a universe hedged with reasons or lighted up with analogies but which in any case gives an opportunity to rescind the unbearable divorce" Albert Camus The Myth of Sisyphus Interest me yes Satisfy no

P.E: Do you believe in genocide? Of who? Why? Final solution?

Pat Genocide of all the fake poser metal heads because they don't mosh hard enough dude

Joel Genocide of William Bennet and all those who look like him Final solution? There is none just a good time

Steve Genocide of all DEA officials and customs agents Final solution? More buds!

Bill I'm in a nihilistic mood so I'll say genocide of everyone for reasons blatantly obvious and quite deplorable

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While most societies and nature meet in collision
The know-how and concern before our eyes
Commitment to the goal will help it become realized!

P.E: Is abortion, in the eyes of office holders, a personal issue that should be judged and decided upon based on the collective conscience of the constituents that elected them or a champaign fund raiser?

Pat You lost me in the words See Steve's picture for my expression after the question was read Use condoms and skip the question

Joel Learn how to write legibly! No abortion should be decided individually

Pat Abortions are some of my best friends

Bill Officially the abortion issue has turned into a farce To me pro choice seems like the obvious position for two reasons (1) we live in a supposedly free country (2) the planet is overpopulated already

P.E: What is your idea of a perfect utopian society?

Pat Buds constantly mass mail women in bikinis NAPALM DEATH a big wad of cash in my pocket clean feet and unlimited rare hardcore EP's

Joel One where grind bands receive large salaries for putting out good tunage women

PAT - DRUMS JOEL - BASS

free drugs and a quick reformation of the original BLACK SABBATH in my back yard this Friday night with 20 kegs of Beck's dark.
Steve: Buds, shrooms, imported beer and girls that swallow.
Bill: Every member of the world society is schooled in philosophy and, and learns to love peaceful human interaction and the spirit of cooperation. No manipulation institution, no environmental damage, unhindered freedom for artistic creation and me as the philosopher king of the Earth. Bill the Benevolent for president in '92.

P.E: Do you feel the need to teach your dogs stupid tricks?

Pat: Yeah. I teach it to go out and rob banks.
Joel: I teach my vicious pitbull to rip my neighbor's arm off.
Steve: I don't teach dogs tricks. I teach girls tricks.
Bill: Yes, symbolic logic.

P.E: Does sexual preference "matter"?

Pat: No.
Joel: It doesn't bother me as long as everyone's having fun.
Steve: It doesn't matter.
Bill: No, people should make love to however they want.

P.E: Band Goals?

Joel: Get drunk tonight, find sluts, release a 20 year CD comp of our greatest hits.
Steve: Lots of vinyl, CD's, tapes, travel, gigs, women.
Pat: Protect the family jewels, keep a tight anal track(t?), keep on keeping on.
Bill: Write an environmental philosophical treatise which brings common sense into permanent fashion, write groovy lyrics for EXIT 13 so we can jar doomatic minds, and become an expert gardener.

P.E: Do you have a "shitlist" in your bathroom?

Joel: Budweiser shit, water, Beck's Dark shit (all out gastric death).
Pat: Yeah. I wipe my ass with the MORBID ANGEL lyrics sheet.
Bill: I prefer to read on the throne.
Pat: "Shitlist" demo by MACABRE rules.

P.E: Loose ends (that you want to tie up)?

Joel: A fuckin'...
Pat: I'd say you pretty much covered the weak points. Your mind is in the gutter. What do they do to you in Minneapolis?
Steve: No.
Pat: How did NUCLEAR ASSAULT get into P.E. #4? (Because the sleep with the right fanzine editors, the question is how did you get into Profane Existence? -Ed.)
Bill: I like to tie Heather up.

P.E: Any Jesus punks in Pennsylvania?

Joel: Yeah, me! When I grow my beard Christians mistake me for Jesus Christ.
Pat: My first question is "Are you a member of the Church of Satan? A card carrying member of the Church of Satan?" We play NUCLEAR ASSAULT backwards every 12 O'clock mass. Last week a priest turned me on to the new CARCASS CD. At weddings we play Xysma. And Minneapolis must be full of shizoid nutso mutant wierdos.
Joel: Including the interviewer.
Steve: We have our share of Holy Terror Skinheads.
Bill: Jesus punks? *(Believe it, Minneapolis does have a few whackos! -Ed.)*

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PROFANE SESSION #X135: NUEROSIS

Felix: State your names, ages, zodiac signs and instruments:
Scott: Scott, 23, guitars, vocals, Gemini.
Dave: Dave, 21, Capricorn, bass and vocals.
Steve: Steve, 20, Libra, guitar and vocals.
Jason: Jason, 20, Aries, drums and absolutely no vocals.
Rat: So how long have you been on tour now?
NEUROSIS: Eight weeks.
Rat: Has it been good, OK or miserable?
Dave: Good at points, OK at other points and bad at other points.

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Scott: It's pretty tough, we're trying to make our debt back. We were five grand in the hole when we left. We've made back about three so far, so it's going pretty good. Between this tour and the last tour we've played almost everywhere there is to play in North American except Canada.
Felix: Oh yeah, what about Eau Claire?
Scott: We're boycotting Eau Claire because it smells bad there.
Felix: What about the KNUCKLEHEADS man?
Dave: We were supposed to play with them in Medford but it didn't happen...Is this going in the interview?
Felix: No we edit out a lot of this stuff. What's the best place you guys think you've played.
Scott: Tijuana was cool, Birmingham, Alabama was cool, so was New York City
Steve: Albuquerque was cool.
Scott: Minneapolis was cool but the crowd wasn't too big.
Felix: The crowd was wimpy...
Rat: Hint, hint you lame fuckers!
Felix: Lame with a capital L. The last time you guys played in Minneapolis it was incredible; a lot of people got into you guys after that show...Are we gonna ask any serious questions or what?
Rat: We didn't write any down.
Felix: Well, on the subject of capital punishment, do you think the state has the right to kill people?
Scott: No, the state absolutely doesn't have the right to kill people. However, I think that people that kill other people deserve retribution for what they've done. If I had it my way you should be able to take the matter into your own hands, hunt them and kill them. The problem is its so hard to prove whether or not someone's actually guilty.
Rat: Like a community thing...
Scott: I mean if somebody kills a person in your neighborhood or your family you just go fucking kill them. That's the way it should be. The State executing them doesn't help anybody. I mean if a family has a member of their family killed and the person gets gassed it helps some, but not as much as if they were able to deal with it themselves. As far as helping with the healing process and knowledge that the death has been avenged. Otherwise it gets dragged through the courts for years and years while the family just watches and suffers.
Felix: Do you think that justice should be served at a community level where the victim decides the punishment?
Scott & Dave: Yeah.
Felix: Like I heard this guy on the radio who was saying that a good solution to the crime problem that plagues the African-American community would be to have criminals judged by a jury that was selected from with four blocks of where the crime occurred.
Scott: There you go... How's it going to deter a criminal if they think they're going to be killed by someone they hate. Big deal, it's not going to much of a deterrence. the fact that they could be executed by people they grew up around and love to some extent, I think that would definitely change their outlook on who they committed the crime against.
Felix: What do you think about the war on drugs?

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Dave: It's a farce.
Steve: It's definitely a war on the poor. They're cracking down on the victims not the people at the root of the problem. You have to wonder if the government is maybe behind the whole thing. Like how all the drugs end up in the poor neighborhoods, the black neighborhoods or how alcohol gets imported onto reservations.
Jason: It gives the government the perfect amount of leverage to put pressure on whoever they want. they let drugs come into the country then bust the people that are using them instead of the people that ares supplying them. They just have more leverage to apply on everybody.
Scott: It's just the same as capital punishment, the justice system, the drug war, AIDS; it's all the same fuckin' thing. It's all government-placed things to try to destroy a whole generation of ghetto kids.
Felix: Do you think it's more of a government conspiracy or is it just that capitalism seeks out markets for products that fuck your brain up and exploits those markets?
Jason: I don't think it's like five guys sitting in a room somewhere saying "put this here, put this there." It's more like they're purposely ignoring it, allowing it to be introduced to society.
Rat: Do you think it's part of the gentrification that's going on, letting certain neighborhoods go to hell then moving everybody out and taking over. Do you see that on the west coast as much?
Scott: Yeah; they're just trying to suppress a revolution they know is going to come. It probably would have happened ten years ago if they hadn't pumped up the drug supply as much as they had. On one level they ignore it, yet on another level they bring it in. There's so many facts to back up the drug running the CIA has been doing since Vietnam and George Bush was the head of the CIA back then. It's just to keep people down instead of actually having to deal with their fucked reality. If you just get fucked up then you don't have to do anything about it.
Jason: They add in little key words like the "War on Drugs" but actually it's the war for drugs.
Felix: Some people theorize that if the hippies hadn't been so wrapped up in drugs that we would have had a revolution in this country in the 60's...
Scott: Could be.
Felix: But they were so doped up all the time that they never got their shit together.
Dave: The CIA was one of the first groups to supply LSD to people.
Scott: I have a friend who was in Vietnam. He knows he saw the shit going on--they were just told to ignore it. I don't think that the whole hippy thing was so centered around drugs. Maybe after Woodstock it became more of an organized fashion thing. Psychedelic clothing, psychedelic drugs and so on.
Rat: Do you see that happening with the punk scene; becoming only a fashion?
Felix: Like people being diverted into alcohol and drugs when they could be doing serious political activities?
Dave: Even to some degree some of the political activity is just pointing more at individual problems than the source behind it all. People look more at the problems that the source behind them. You have to get to the root of the problem which lies behind the political issues.
Felix: So what is the root of the problem? Human nature? Do you think that humans are essentially greedy and are willing to fuck each other over to survive?
Dave: Yeah, it think a lot of people are; people get obsessed with power and greed and are pretty much out for themselves in a lot of ways. Everyone seeks their own security and then don't care about anything but themselves.
Scott: You're almost forced into that. It's something that's ingrained in you if you grow up

in this society. I don't think that all humans are like that. I've never been out of North America but I would bet that people who are starving in say, Ethiopia for instance, are really that greedy. They probably just want a little food and some peace. It's because they weren't shown all these things--the carrot on a stick was never held in front of them. All they know is basic survival.

Dave: It's like these tribal societies are being forced to become transferred into the modern materialistic world where they're property rights and so on.

Jason: It is human nature to survive. It just depends on your environment and your upbringing and what has been put in front of you to tell you what you need to survive. So some people are brought up being told you have to have these things to survive... It's not so much that people are greedy, it's inbred into them.

Rat: So you would say the American populace has been sold by TV on it's way of thinking?

NEUROSIS: Yeah, parents, advertising, teachers...

Felix: Our society is based upon the acquisition of material goods whereas in other societies there would be more of an emphasis on sharing and community. Like in an agricultural community where everybody's survival depends on everyone else, if there's food you dole it out to everybody rather than hoarding it to yourself...

Scott: Yeah, if you horde it for yourself then you have to deal with the community justice system we talked about before.

Rat: On the same subject but a different situation: The Earthquake in San Francisco. You were all out there when it happened--how did people react to that?

Dave: People actually did. On Cypress Street where the freeway collapsed the government authorities had to clear out everyone from the neighborhood who was trying to help be cause they were "risking their lives".

Rat: So it can happen in America that people will work together and pitch in.

Jason: Right after the quake it was happening that way. Down in Santa Cruz whole communities were destroyed and people pitched tent cities and such.

Dave: Let's put it this way: People were a lot more sympathetic to these people who were middle class and their homes were destroyed than to the thousands of people already homeless and have been homeless for years. People didn't give a shit about them before and they didn't get any help until the fuckin' Earthquake. Then all the homeless got helped because 15-20% of the homeless had the economic means to get back on their feet and were only homeless temporarily because their houses collapsed.

Rat: Like the Marina District being in flames and everyone feeling sorry for them...

Scott: The media just picked up on the Marina District thing but the major damage happened in places like Oakland and San Jose and Santa Cruz. But when the rich get hurt all the sudden everyone's supposed to feel sorry for them; like the people in the Marina District because they

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lost their half-million-dollar homes. Oakland got 20,000 more homeless people after the Earthquake.

Jason: Instead the news cover the Bay Bridge and says "here's a great piece of architecture that collapsed"--but you go down to Oakland and these people are just shit out of luck. They lost their homes; they didn't focus one bit of attention on that.

Scott: The whole flipside to that was that four days before the Earthquake in San Francisco a huge hurricane hit the south around Myrtle Beach and wiped out tons of people, but as soon as the Earthquake hits California and the World Series and all that bullshit, everything's on San Francisco and the whole country forgot about the hurricane which actually resulted in more damage.

(Somehow the interview breaks up into a conversation about where everyone's from and meat-packing plants and so on until a question emerges...)

Felix: What do you guys think about industrial meat production?

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Scott: I meat and I probably eat industrially provided meat. If I had my choice I'd kill and eat my own. I think it totally desensitizes people when the whole thing about going out and killing is industrialized and put into a nice package that you can buy and chow on without thinking about the animals feelings.

Rat: So you can see through the media shut that's fed to people their whole lives and you still eat meat?

Scott: Yeah.

Felix: Don't you ever feel guilty about that? Don't you ever wonder about it?

Scott: Um..no..um..yeah sure I wonder about it and I guess I could feel guilty about it if I sat down and let it get to me. But I eat meat; what can I say? I don't eat steak every day, I eat a lot of vegetarian food, but I reserve the right to eat whatever I want.

Rat: Does that bring up any internal dissention in the band?

Steve: I'm a vegan but I go along with what Scott's saying because eating industrialized plants is just as bad as eating industrialized meat. Because on the whole of the life cycle of the plant it's just as bad. Mother Earth doesn't know the difference between plants and animals because it all lief on the Earth. Because on a spiritual level pain and suffering and industrialization and destruction are on the same level. (But then why don't we kill people to eat them? Is it emotional pain or spiritual pain? -Ed.)

(Conversation turns to debate on politics of food, soybean production, killing your own meat, etc.)

Rat: I've noticed noticed that musically and lyrically more intense than most American bands. As a band what kind of growth and skin of cynicism have you guys obtained, what in the last five years you've been around?

Jason: We write more from what we feel inside than from what we see. I think a lot of bands just look at what everybody else is screaming about and add their own little twist. We just more or less look within and throw out all the pretense and say what we feel.

Scott: Personally, from my own perspective, I'd like to distance myself from this whole punk/hardcore scene that justs builds a little box around people. Bands have to sound a certain way or we're not going to like you. Bands have to say this or we're not going to like you. I'm not really concerned with that at all. the music we write takes us a long time to come up with, we don't just say "let's just take this riff and let's do it." It's gotta feel right to all of us and it has to have the emotion that we feel through our lyrics has got to be in the music too. If you're going to do it half-assed then why even do it at all? We're real discriminatory towards our music and lyrics. We throw a lot of stuff out the window. We just don't tolerate half-assed weak shit. There's so many shitty bands in this country it's just ridiculous. I don't listen to much of them myself; I sort of stick to the bands that do the same thing, like KING KRIMSON, who go beyond the whole stereotype and bullshit, and JOY DIVISON or something like that aren't really pandering to hordes of moshing dorks.

Jason: If you're just sitting there rehashing and redoing something that's been done before that's not even musical. Music is something that comes from inside you not from an external source.

Dave: It's not an art if don't have the human element of your own personality being infused with what you're doing. I think that's what we've been doing the past few years; becoming more ourselves, putting more of us in the music, shutting out the outside more, kind of discovering more of what we like to play as opposed to necessarily what we were brought up on listening to when we were first becoming a band and becoming musician.

Scott: When we were first becoming a band it was just because we all liked hardcore music. We weren't exactly proficient at our instruments yet, but the more in touch we get with our instruments the more of ourselves come out through it. You learn to tap yourself and your instrumental ability.

Rat: Do you feel more vulnerable and exposed when you put that much of yourself into it?

NEUROSIS: Absolutely.

Scott: You feel open and very vulnerable. It can be a disadvantage sometimes, if you get a bad review or something. a lot of times people are quick to jump and throw a label on you. Most people are accustomed to that. They don't quite know what you're doing so go go it sounds like this or it sounds like that. It just gets frustrating because you're trying to put out this message and some people just don't fucking get it.

Rat (to Steve): What's it like being a new member after these guys have been at it for years?

Steve: It worked pretty good because CHRIST ON PARADE and NEUROSIS were my favorite bands because I was into the feeling I got--I was tuned into it 100%. It was totally natural and there was no problem.

Scott: Steve is the second guitarist we'd been looking for since six months after we started and decided we wanted a second guitarist It just took us about two and a half to three years to find him.

Rat: What's more important, you're music or you're lyrics?

Scott: They're one and the same. Because of the way we sing nobody's going to understand what we say, basically, so our music has got to reflect the meaning as well. Music is a language in itself. You can put more feeling in music than you can even with words. Words are a very limiting thing.

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John Krupa / 144 Wadhams Ave. / Torrington, CT 06790

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Dan Shadrick / 192 William Ct. / Dousman, WI 53118

ALTERNATIVE #3 / $2 ppd.
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This one is really cool to look at cos' it's printed with color inks and the layout is packed with all kinds of stuff to read or look at. Has lots of band descriptions from bands, saw a CONCRETE SOX interview. There is a scene report from Czechoslovakia and another from France. It was all fine and dandy but I wish there were more interviews.(Crisis)
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ANARCHY #26 / $2 ppd.
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Very impressive quarterly anarchist journal which is internationally informative, intellectual, and uplifting. #26 is dedicated to work; the reduce to produce 9 to 5 death epic, or rather I should say ANTI-work issues. There is a large news section mostly focusing on Anarchist activity and organizations in East Europe, a report on the east-west anarchist conference in Trieste, Italy, the 80 day occupation of the Shawnee forest in S. Illinois this June-Sept and their fight against the logging machine, and a valuable critical review/reflection of the Without Borders @ conference last summer (not just "another one" either) with wise words on how to avoid infiltrations, heros, and other diversions (without feeling or becoming paranoid and dismpowered) in our movement. Definitely a good sincere tool for communication and highly recommended reading.(Hyzenthlay)
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ANTISTASI-50 Drx (approximately 75¢ ppd)
8 1/2" x 11" offset - 15 pages
A working class anarchist paper from Greece. Again, I really wish that I knew Greek better or at least the lower case of their alphabet and some Latin! I can only decipher bits and pieces of it which seems to be about 5 articles/pieces that tie into one broad theme. (The cover picture says a lot about their politics on its own!) (Hyzenthlay)
Sorry; no address was listed on the paper - maybe next issue (?)

ANY TIME NOW #2 / $1 ppd.
5 1/2" x 11" - copied - 16 pages
Thought-provoking collection of anarchist essays on socialization of capital, anarchist philosopher Joseph Dietzgen, community, and finding "away." Interesting exploration of some issues you probably never realized were at work. (Felix)
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AOC #9 / stamp
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 26 pages
This is a small kind of zine with the usual sort of stuff. This issue has interviews with SOFA HEAD and DISSENT, as well a article on squatting. It was okay but not that great either. Could have a cleaner layout. (Crisis)
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An English language newsletter from autonomous rev.s in Denmark -- includes news and info such as squats in Copenhagen, Christiania, bank robbers and other actions. The group has an info center and publish a larger Danish zine. (Gord)
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BAD TOAD #4 / $.50
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I failed to find this very interesting. It was really sloppy and just too goofy for me to take seriously. But that doesn't mean goofy minded people won't like it.(Crisis)
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BEN IS DEAD #9 / $1.50 ppd.
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Out of Hollywood, Ca., this is a well put together zine. Good articles on drugs, AIDS, band interviews with MY SIN, FRESHLY WRAPPED CANDIES, record reviews and fanzine reviews. (Tammy)
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A incredibly good read you'll have here if you get a hold on a copy of this zine. There's interviews with the following great bands; CITIZENS ARREST, BORN AGAINST and GO!, as well as a healthy dose of other non-conformity. The very openly anti-authoritarian attitude appeals to deviants like my-self. (Troll)
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CROSSBREED #3 / $1 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 14 pages
I think this zine is for punk skinheads or skinhead punks or punks who wanna be skinheads or skinheads who wanna be skinheads - or maybe it's just a zine for both skinheads and punks - or maybe just a zine to try to unify both skinheads and punks. It has a good interview with MEDIA CHILDREN, NO THANX and ska bands THE EXCLUSIVES and SCAFACE. It also has stuff on S.H.A.R.P. and H.A.R.D. I still think there should be something like H.B.A.R. (Human Beings Against Racism). IT has some good ads plus and ad with a hammer and sickle crossed out and the caption is "smash the oppressor!" Maybe this zine should be called "Confuzine." (Chris R.)
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DIET SOCIETY #1 / donation & 2 IRC's / stamps
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - photocopied - 20 pages
Pretty good zine full of opinions and a few reviews. Not bad, look for another issue soon. Includes a great centerfold of that 2 1/2 year old fat kid from the cover of the Enquirer and other related rags. (Kerry)
c/o Hated John Matyr / Suite 83 / St. James place / 673 Upper James St. / Hamilton, Ontario / L9C 5R9

EXCESS #2 / $1??
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 24 pages
The cover of this zine is an all-out attack on established patriarchal systems in America -- which pretty much sets a militant activist tone for the reader. There's band interviews with SWIZ, LUCY BROWN, NEUROSIS and FORCED DOWN; as well as reviews, articles, opinions, etc. Quite good. (Troll)
Dave Nathanson / Mitchel Hall room 523 / 514 19th St. NW / Washington, D.C. 20006

FACTSHEET FIVE #38 / $3 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 132 pages
This is the first time I've actually seen F.F.....So what WASN'T reviewed in this?!! This is more of a resource guide of the underground (and some not so underground) press. Everything from political papers, art nouveau, music zines, books, games, T-shirts, audio, video, artifact, and software are reviewed. HOURS and hours of reading here. There are also several col-

umns, a letter section, and a continued feature/interview (of 3 individual publishers) entitled "Why Publish?" (Hyzenthlay)
Mike Gunderloy, 6 Arizona Ave., Rensselaer,NY, 12114-4502

FLIPSIDE #68 / $2 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 100 pages
Now I've been know to vent my distaste for this magazine on the pages of P.E. it would be silly not to recognize this magazine for their absolutely incredible coverage of the underground music magazine. The bands interviewed range from major-label stuff to virtually unknown bands, which makes this quite interesting and I would be lying to say I didn't read this one every time one shows up in our mail. It's almost like MRR in the fact that there's something worthwhile in each issue, but this definitely has more of a slant towards the club and bar scene. (Troll)
P.O. Box 363 / Whittier, CA 90608

The Infinite Onion #4 / $1
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 18 pages
Punk as fuck! This is another one of them Anarcho-Punk zines. With all kinds of talk about capitol punishment and consumerism and how fucked up all this waste is. As well as they've got the dirt on Coors and why you should think about not buying it. As well they got the usual with reviews and stuff,but most of all they got the dope on why you should smash your T.V.! which is Amerikkka's favorite drug.(Crisis)
P.O. Box 263 / Colorado Springs, Co 80901

JERSEY BEAT #41 / $2 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 64 pages
While I remember the threat of issue #40 being their last one, I'm quite happy that Jim Testa and crew have not given up, but instead have expanded and kept the JERSEY BEAT tradition alive. The diversity of the coverage, while still diligently giving priority to the northeastern United States, makes this perhaps the best regional underground music magazine around. There's interviews in this issue with SOULDSIDE, NINE INCH NAILS, CRAWLPAPPY, CHIKARA and YO LA TANGO as well as features and new sections like one on industrial music. The layout, unlike what we're accused of, is distinctly their own and is a mark for this one. It's a good, solid music publication. (Troll)
418 Gregory Ave. / Weehawken, NJ 07087

LET'S FACE IT! #4 / 50¢ ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 8 pages
Stuff on Food Not Bombs, war on drugs, facts about animals that you should know and a good article on a Helms protest, as well as contacts. I liked it. (Chris R.)
Souxie and Mike / P.O. Box 471012 / Charlotte, NC 28247

LOVE AND RAGE #6 / $1 ppd.
11" x 17" - newsprint - 14 pages
A monthly revolutionary anarchist newspaper for North America. Quite good coverage of events with special emphasis on the Gulf War, Mohawk resistance and much more news. There's a very long "letter" in this issue which in a round-about way pleads for men to open up their feelings more. Regular features in this are "On Gogol Boulevard" (a Niether East Nor West information section), Anarchist Black Cross section, and a good portion written in Spanish. (Troll)
P.O. Box 3, Prince Street Station / New York, NY 10012

MISPRINTS #1 / $1 plus postage
8 1/2" x 11" photocopied - 36 pages
Pretty good for a first issue. I was impressed with the amount of reading material. Interviews with CARCASS, THE ACCUSED, and Minnesota's own LIBIDO BOYZ. Also some great opinions including a comparison with the straight-edge movement to Hitler's Third Reich. Great zine! (Kerry)
Melchior Treublaan 40 / 2313VH Leiden / Holland

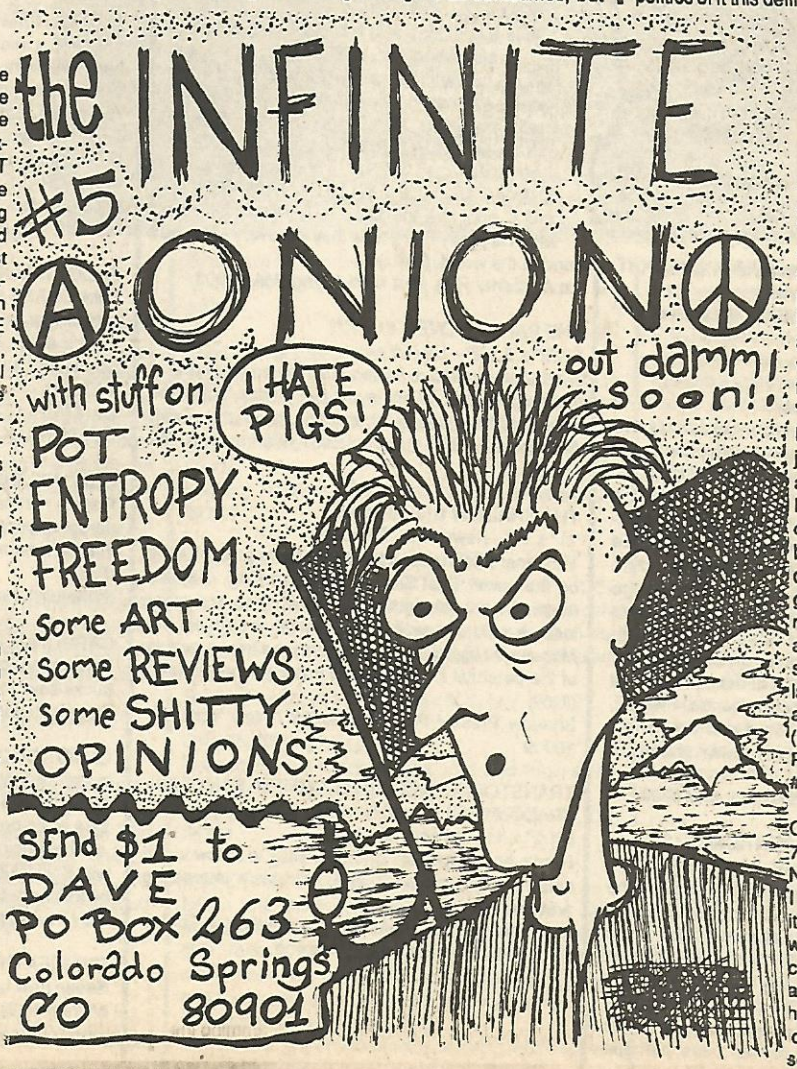
MISSING THE POINT #1 / ??
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - photocopied - 42 pages
The usual reviews and interviews including OI POLLOI, MISERY and HOLOCAUST. Also a scene report, artwork and good poetry. Another great first effort! (Kerry)
Jules (M.T.P.) / 63 Queens Gardens / London W.2. / England

MRR #89 / $2.50 ppd.
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 128 pages
Interviews in this issue include MONSULA, APOCALYPSE, SUBVERT, HAYWIRE and STRIKE-OUT among the many. I can make complaints about how boring it gets reading through it all sometimes, but when you have this many different opinions and contributors coming together you're bound to not please everyone all the time. This is perhaps the best guide through the global independent hardcore community. (Troll)
P.O. Box 288 / Berkeley, CA 94701

MRR #90 / $2.50
8 1/2" x 11" - newsprint - 128 pages
Forget what I just said. THE DWARVES are sexist scum and Sob Pop are big business. For being so much against digression, they really have their idealist foot in their mouth now. WARNING! Contains stupidity. (Troll)
P.O. Box 288 / Berkeley, CA 94701

NO KKK- NO FACIST U.S.A.! / $1
12" x 17 1/2" - newsprint - 16 pages
Newspaper of The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee giving the news on what's up along the lines of fighting racism. Cool articles on racism in the schools and how the students are fighting back instead of sitting back. As well as an article on David "Dookie Head" Duke plus how A.I.D.S. and racism are connected. This is real news which is good news. (Crisis)
220 9th st. #443 / San Francisco, CA 94103

PRISONERS' LEGAL NEWS / Donation
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 10 pages
A very good resource for prisoners, by prisoners with the goal of "extending democracy to all" and by the politics of it this definitely doesn't mean democracy in the way our leaders do... A good source of information with articles, opinions, contacts, etc. (Troll)
P.L.N. / P.O. Box 1684 / Lake Worth, FL 33460



PUNK PALS - Listing #10 - two 25¢ stamps or 3 IRC's
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - copied
Well, what can I say? This isn't really a "zine" but more like a complete listing of the lonely punks column from UK Resist! Included is a list of of people from all over the continent and their varying interests (the criteria for that being a list of each persons "21 or less favorite bands"-which I don't find too entirely relevant to judging, or should I say learning, about ones character, but to some I suppose it lies down a sort of common ground). Also, in the back is a list of fanzines which offer free pen pal classifieds. A good attempt at encouraging more widespread communication amongst "punks" (but not necessarily so limiting) who feel isolated or who just like to write and are looking for more contacts. (Hyzenthlay)
Robert Brown, 2331 Blake St. #204, Berkley, Ca. 94704

QQRYQ #15? / $?
7" x 9 3/4" - offset - 55 pages
No the title is not a type-o! I wish I could really tell you about it but it's printed in Polish. But from what I could make of it is pretty cool. I saw what looked like an article about McDeath since it had the logo in some of the graphics. Plus I saw something on squatting but couldn't read it. But

if you happen to speak and read Polish,CHECK IT OUT! then send in a review.(Crisis)
Zbigniew Matera / P.O. Box 157 / Warszawa 86 / Poland

REACTION / $2??
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 60 pages
Jason and his crew have started a pretty massive project here. Pages of interviews, opinions, artwork, collages, cartoons, anarchist punk and D.I.Y. to the extreme. A heavy emphasis on animal rights and deforestation that goes far beyond the point of philosophical explanation and will piss you off. I don't see how anyone could read pages 22-34 of this zine without running into the front yard and yelling "go vegan" then trashing a fur shop or store that sells ivory. Also contains interviews with APOCALYPSE, RESIST and NECRCEDIA, articles on Central America, anti-television. It's chock full of data but has lots of mis-spelling and the layout reminds me of FARCE. Still a great zine. I'm looking forward to watching it grow. They do need computer with a spelling checker though. (Felix)
Jason / P.O. Box 200641 / Waterford, MI 48329

SCRIBBLE UNLIMITED PRESENTS #6
8 1/2" x 11" - copied - 18 pages
I suppose you have to see it in order to catch the symbolism of the title. It's a blend of childlike creativity and reality asylum (neither meant negatively) . It consists of a conscious questionnaire essay, 2 short fantasy stories, poetry, an essay of a personal account why one person quit college, and info. on environmental issues. If you're the type of person who likes short, to the point , easy to read zines; perhaps this is it.(Hyzenthlay)
444 Edgewood Place, Rutherford, NJ 07070

SOCIAL DIS-EASE # 15/ $3
8 1/2" x 12 3/4 " - offset? - 31 pages
Here's the latest word from New Zealand, which as a matter of fact,used to be ANTI-SYSTEM.This is a really cool zine. Has lots of stuff on demos and direct action in their part of the world. Like a A.L.F. direct action(anonymous of course) news calender listing all the places hit up. Mostly just super glue in locks and spray paint, I really wanted to see some arson or bombings listed.Oh well. Lots of photos of punks and other people too. This is cooler than cool! (Crisis)
P.O. Box 14156 / Kilbirnie, Wellington / New Zealand

SOULESS STRUCTURES #2 / $1.50
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - copied - 50 pages
Formerly this used to be BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. It's your basic D.I.Y. project with articles about racism,pornography and vegetarianism. Even has vegie recipes along with interviews with MEDIA CHILDREN and PEACE CREEPS. Plus reviews and other neat stuff.I liked it so you should get it.
(Crisis)
Michael McLellan / 550 Pinewood Dr. / Pendleton, SC 29670

SUBURBAN VOICE #29 / $4 ppd??
8 1/2" x 11" - offset -
This is a cool zine with a really broad coverage; punk, hardcore, metal, college rock, etc. It's not political or anything but gives a very good insight into the alternative music industry - particularly in depth interviews with bigger bands (FUGAZI, SOUNDGARDEN, Etc.) than give a lot more info than crap like SPIN. This comes with a CRAWLPAPPY / SHEER TERROR split EP. This zine is cool and the SHEER TERROR interview within is pretty funny 'cos they dis every N.Y.H.C. band in the world. (Felix)
c/o Al Quint / P.O. Box 1605 / Lynn, MA 01903

THE PARTY'S OVER #1 / ???
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" - copied - 4 pages
A small autonomous / anarchist news sheet here. I like the anti-yuppie, anti-system militancy, but some may find it offensive (but then again, so what?) (Troll)
Autonome Forum / P.O. Box 366 / Williamstown, MA 01267

THE SHADOW #13 / $1 ppd.
11" x 17" - newsprint - 20 pages
This anarchist newspaper concentrates particularly on the Lower East Side of New York City. There's news of the local pig activity, squat news and other local events, as well as a special article on the Mohawk struggle. This is probably the best example of the potential for a localized anarchist newspaper. (Troll)
Shadow Press / P.O. Box 20298 / New York, NY 10009

TRANSTORNO OBSESIVO COMPULSIVO ILUSTRADO #1 / $2.50 ppd or trade
8 1/2" x 11" - offset - 36 pages
Here's an all-Spanish zine. It's easy to follow along since it's all art and cartoons. Very interesting artwork. (Kerry)
Raul Ramirez / Sur 73A #23 / col. Ampliacion Sinatel / C.P. 09470 / Mexico D.F. / Mexico

NOISE REVIEWS

8-BALL / LAST CALL split 7" EP
8-BALL plays standard punk rock with an anti-greed song and a crazy song about being crazy. LAST CALL play metallic hardcore with a pretty cool song about the destruction of the world. Max Damage says in reference to their song "What's Done is Done" that they're complete fucking sexist pricks. The letter we got from 8-BALL says they're not sexist. The song is about fucking virgin girls. I think it reeks of double standards. Whatever the case it's not making relevant point. (Felix)
Esoteric Records (No address)

ANUS THE MENACE 7"
This sounds cool on 33 1/3; too bad it's supposed to be played on 45 RPM -- at that speed it sounds like poppy rock. Contains a cool anti-homophobia / anti-racist song and anti-religious nut song. The other three are personal. (Felix)
Anus Envy Records / Flipside Records / P.O. Box 363 / Whittier, CA 90608

AMENITY "This is our Struggle" 7" EP
From the outset of the title track, AMENITY let rip with some of the most intense psycho Ear riffage this side of NEUROSIS. Oh yea, I liked it too!
(Sids)
Downside / Vinyl Communications / P.O. Box 8623 / Chula Vista CA. 92012

ANTI-SCHISM "End of Time" EP
And not a moment to late; more great intelligent hardcore from ANTI-SCHISM. The recording and style reminds me a lot of thier first EP, but only more fine-tuned. Still the same male-female vocals combination and lyrics ranging from serious political/ethics to the lighter side of things. The packaging is nice too with a CRASS style poster/sleeve. (Troll)
Stereonucleosis Records / Chris Bickel / 1652 Huckleberry Drive / Aiken, SC 29803

BADGEWEARER "This Bag is Not a Toy" 7"
Take CRASS and FLIPPER, put it together with even profounder lyrics and you get this. This is great ! That says it all. Fucking brilliant!! Cover folds out into a poster that speaks for itself if you can comprehend it.(Crisis)
Gruff Wit / 127 Dowan Hill St./ Hill Head, Glasgow/ G12 9DN U.K.

CHRONIC DISEASE "Born to Live in Chains" 7" EP
Raging hardcore from Belgium. Full-on political and personal lyrics. Cool CRASS-style poster sleeve with intense artwork. Recommended. 4 1/3 punk points. (Felix)
(hopefully) available through A.Y.F. mailorder soon

CARBONIZED 7"
Three songs of Swedish deathcore madness. Twenty bucks says these guys get on Earache soon. (Felix)
Thrash Records / 76068 Le Havre / Cedex / France

CHAOTIC CONTRAST "Little Shop of Horrors" Demo
Noisy/ grungy/ slow mid tempo/ hardcore all at the same time. Sounds really cool except for the monotone voice problem. Reminds me of THE EX at times ,so the musics still good just monotone. Also comes with SNERTZINE 6 which is poetry and art work done by this here band. It's in there,it's hip.(Crisis)
Kid / Parkstraat 45/ 8100 Torhout/ Belgium

CRIBDEATH "It ain't Black and White" demo cassette
Seven new tunes and a new "dance mix" of a classic off their 1989 "Shit" demo. Musically they've become more energetic and keep a quite enjoyable but not

over-blown hardcore style. Lyrics of personal struggle to survive and problems of daily life as well as a smattering of liberation politics thrown in. Definitely worth getting if you're into groovin' (see page three photo...). Unfortunately they've now split (after 8 years) and the two P.E.er's involved are still planning to pursue the band, possible still under the same name but who knows? Nice studio recorded and factory dubbed tape tho... $4 ppd. from... (Troll, Chris & Kerry)
Bill X-Sids c/o Profane Existence / P.O. Box 8722 / Minneapolis, MN 55408

CRINGER "Karin" 7" EP
The CringAbilly Soul Express is at it again. 4 new songs from the new bay boys. After a ride on the express I always find myself thinking of ho-downs for some reason. I dare you guys to come to Mpls. in Jan.
(Sids)
Lookout Industries / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

DEATH SQUAD "Noise Commands Respect" 7" EP
Thrashing cross-over with anti-war, anti-censorship, anti-drug abuse lyrics. Worth checking out. (Felix)
$3 to Sub-Mission Records / P.O. Box 6824 / St. Paul, MN 55106

DISRUPT 7" EP
Five songs of blood-chilling mayhem; my favorite being "Crock-o-Christian." Power, power, power created by this sonic nightmare -- caused a meltdown in the reactor of my stereo... Recommended. (Sids)
Crust Records / P.O.. Box 2308 / Plainville, MA 02762

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-ECONOCHRIST "RuiNation" LP
From out of the East Bay Area comes this group of good 'ole boys that play some ragin' hardcore. I mean its sooo hardcore I had too listen to some muzak to calm my nerves. It is good though to hear some fairly optimistic lyrics that are straight up and to the point. If you're into California style hardcore you'll be into this. The cover artwork is really interesting in a demented sort of way, I'd hate that to happen to me,OUCH! A big yee-haw on this one.(Crisis)
Very Small / P.O. Box 8223 / Emeryville, CA 94662

EXHUME "Dig It" Demo
Typical hardcore/thrash entertaining at the least,with personal lyrics about anger and dejection/rejection kind of stuff. It's okay but I just didn't get into it after all that I listened to prior to this. Needed more crunch and punch to rile me up. (Crisis)
Hyde Recordings / P.O. Box 831 / Reisterstown, MD 21136

EXTREME NOISE TERROR "Peel Sessions 87-90" LP
Unrestrained frenetic power on all your favorites. The best Peel Session releases (except HERESY's) since it comes with more than four songs and has lyrics. It's still way over-priced but worth it for all you noise heads! Worth 5 punk points. (Felix)
Strange Fruit Records

F.A.Q. "Pre-Pay" LP
Nine tracks here, consistent performance, good production, lyric sheet included, guitar rock with wood flute inspired harmonies. (Sids)
Buck Two Eighty / P.O. Box 1614 / Kalamazoo MI. 49005

FUEL "Take Effect" 7" EP
Recorded in Feb. and Mar. 1990 on Lookout, prior to the Rough Trade jump, FUEL play 90's American H.C. that BLOWS Fugazi away. FUEL have that Turbo Booster others aspire to. Stay tuned!
(Sids)
Lookout Records / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

FUEL "FUEL" LP.
Self titled follow up to the "Take Effect" EP. FUEL show they are poised and ready for that big break. Many things will be written about this band in the future. But the simple fact remains,FUEL are just plain good.(Sids)
Rough Trade / 611 Broadway / N.Y. N.Y. 10012

GREEN DAY "Slappy" 7" EP
Upbeat, punk-influenced rock. Colored vinyl, emotional lyrics, nifty cover. (Felix)
Lookout Records / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

INFEZIONE "Chiediti il Perche" LP
Italian anarcho-thrash, totally in the spirit of self-management and lashing out at machismo, genocide, rockstars, capitalism and the state -- an they really mean it, maaan! Released by Mister-X Prod; another project in tune with self-management, even if their guitars aren't - ha! (Gord)
INFEZIONE c/o Enrico Manicardi / Via Degli Esposti, 2 / 41100 Modena / Italy... Mr. X c/o Decanale / C.P. 144 / 10064 Pinerolo (To) / Italy

INSIDE OUT "Do it Yourself Nose Job" 7" EP
The second release on Meantime records for this Michigan Trio. Stepped up production and performance reflect the progression this band has made since the release of "Take You Apart...". A more aggressive approach to the music works well and moves this band into the "Keep Your Eye On" status. (Sids)
Meantime Records / 11 Salutation RD. Darlington CO. / Durham DL3 8JN / England

KRACK "Funkwagon McGilliguddy" 12"EP
Straight-on powerful U.S. style hardcore. Lyrics deal with oppression and the idea of inner torment. Only six songs on a 12" though. Put it in your pipe and smoke it 'cos it will fuck you up! 2 punk points. (Felix)
Merkin Records / P.O. Box 16292 / Baltimore, MD 21210

LOOKOUTS "Mendicino Homeland" 7" EP
Definitive Lookout style poppy punk from the definitive Lookout band. Environmental and anti-religion lyrics. (Felix)
Lookout Records / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

MACROFARGE / EUTHENASIA split 7" flexi
MACROFARGE play some of that awe-inspiring crusty mayhem you've come to expect from Japan (where the only foreign punk bands ever to have played are E.N.T., NAPALM DEATH, G.B.H. and CHAOS U.K. - DESTROY! is next!). Pure hardcore crust power. Euthanasia are from Finland and they play a little less heavy hardcore that sounds very Scandanavian. Definitely a cool flexi to pick up especially if you're looking for something new from abroad. 3 1/2 punk points (Felix)
MCR Co. / 12 Kamiagu Maizuru / Kyoto 624 / Japan

MONSULA "Nickle" 7" EP
Poppy punk in the Lookout style. Lyrics about emotions, etc. Sounds a lot like DAG NASTY. (Felix)
Lookout Records / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

MORAL SUCKLING "No More War Toys" 7" EP
Straight-up solid punk with well thought-out political and personal lyrics. Reminds me of ANTI-SCHISM. 2 1/2 punk points (Felix)
Monkey Puzzle Records / P.O. Box 510991 / Salt Lake City, UT 84157

NATION OF ULYSSES
Frenetic rock sort of like a 90's version of MC5 but with a trumpet. These guys are more of a world revolution conspiracy than a band. Pretty crazed stuff; their political program and band profiles are funny as hell. Definitely some original thought-provoking punk rock rebellion and hey, I went to high school with their singer. 3 punk points. (Felix)
K Records / Box 7154 / Olympia, WA 98507

NO USE FOR A NAME "Let 'Em Out" 7" EP
Blazing U.S.-style hardcore sort of like BLACK FLAG or BLAST sped up, but still different and pretty hot. 1 3/8 punk points. (Felix)
Slap A Ham Records / P.O. Box 843 / San Francisco, CA 94101

PEGGIO PUNX "Cattivi Maestri" LP
Excellent Italian punk in that typical style -- loads of twists and turns, approaching melodic at times but with a strong powerful edge to it. Comes with Italian and English lyrics; "Let's go my friend turn your anguish into anger, your rebellion into strife..." (Gord)
Released on Peggio Records and TVOR on vinyl

POISON IDEA "Feel The Darkness" LP
Well I was waiting for this LP a long time but it turned out disappointing. Not the "album of the decade" as claimed but still good punk rock. Every one of their older records rock way harder than this. If you're a POISON IDEA fan go fo it, if not buy one of their older releases. 2 punk points. (Felix)
American Leather Records / P.O. Box 86333 / Portland, OR 97286

Political Asylum "Solitary" 7"
Three songs on this one. Labels Swiss the bands Scottish. Mid-Paced melodic punk that's not unlike THE MOB but a little more cheery and hopeful sounding. The profits from this go to the Digit Fund which is set up to protect the nearly extinct Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda,Africa by helping to pay for anti-poacher patrols and what not. Good deal!(Crisis)
Off the Disk/ Sonnenfeldstr. 7/ 9100 Herisau/ Switzerland

POLLUTION CIRCUS "Destroy Authority Before Authority Destroys You" EP
After reading the lame-ass review in MRR I rushed to the record-player and played mine just to make sure it was the same record... This is definitely one band that believes their music has no effect unless it provokes some sort of response from the listener. Four songs, kind of in a noisy, yet simple punk almost in a folk-music style. Very emotional lyrics that stir reaction and inspire further (direct) action. The sleeve is a great poster and there's some interesting inserts as well. These are the most intensely personal lyrics I've read in ages -- yet unlike just about all hardcore and punk these days, we can all relate to them and find meaning within them. I was lucky enough to get an advance cassette of this which you may remember being reviewed a few issues back. (Troll)
Sideshow / Tyler / 1631 Waterford Dr. / Zionsville, IN 46077

PROFAX 7"
This sounds more or less like New York straight edge with out the preaching and persecution. Takes a very open minded and concerned approach to drugs and the "problems" that seem to generate from them. In fact they point out its not drugs but ignorance of the issue and alienation of those who do use that causes the "problem". As well the have a song about vegetarianism which takes the cake.Good package on this one.Oh ya these guys are from Switzerland which says something about their point of veiw on the topics mentioned.(Crisis)

PROPHOCY OF DOOM "Acknowledge the Confusion Master" LP
Awesome head-crushing onslaught of divine crust power. Manic vocals over churning raw, ultra-heavy grindcore. Lyrics are very introspective/philosophical. Best LP I've picked up in a while -- insanity reigns on my stereo! 5 punk pints (Felix)
Deaf Records (Distributed by Revolver / P.O. Box 421410 / San Francisco, CA 94101)

SANITY ASSASSINS "Gingerbread Nightmare" 7"
Psychedelic-punk rock. It has some cool freaked-out guitar work on one of the two songs. (Felix)
P.O. Box 380152 / East Hartford, CT 06138

SCRAPS / DON DON split 7" flexi
SCRAPS are from France and play heavy, heavy duty thrash at 300 MPH. Two songs of them; a very thoughtful one on prostitution "what we call the oldest profession is in reality the world's oldest form of slavery." DON DON play speedy hardcore a lot like CRUCIFIX (they play a crunchy cover as a matter of fact). Pretty cool. SCRAPS rip it up. 3 1/2 punk points.
(a few) available from A.Y.F. Distribution

SEDITION "Dealing With Cliches.....or Dealing With Death" 7"EP
OK, Well I meant to review this issues ago, but here it is now. Lyrically, this whole EP depicts issues which the often times condescending finger of punk rock points at in accusation of being (what else) cliched. These people don't care if you've heard it 100 times before, nor should they allow it to create such a mental block. "From our dying scene to this dying planet, neither will sort itself out while we sit back and watch. Awareness is the key, silence is consent." So they've chosen to be well outspoken and outstandingly self expressive. They should be supported in this and any of their future sincere DIY projects. Not to forget their music...which is also great (so is the artwork) - it's like one heavy raging song - don't even attempt to figure out where each song ends! Just get it and have a listen for yourself (my pick of the month ok?!) Hopefully we'll be distributing this soon. (Hyzenthlay)
c/o 10 Willow Avenue, Elderslie, Scotland, PA5 9LQ

SENILE DECAY / CANOL CALED split 7"
Two bands I haven't heard before so it was nice to get this. One English band and one Welsh, both taking a heavy hardcore sound. First, let's start with SENILE DECAY, who have a heavy sound not unlike Counter Gordie bands GENERIC, MORTAL TERROR and early HELLBASTARD. Fast as fuck, heavy as fuck, grindy and vocals from the pits of hell, in a depressing grey concrete wasteland feel. CANOL CALED; now my Welsh is shit but fortunately we have an account in English stating that their first track is about animal rights and the other is a tongue in cheek song about shitty soap operas. They have a much cleaner sound one this than SENILE DECAY's five tracks, with a tuneful approach to their hardcore sound (as a lot of tuneful hardcore coming from the Welsh mountains of late). Both bands deserve support for bringing out a D.I.Y. disk so buy this or at least write and say hello. I'm sure you'll get a welcome reply but send those S.A.E.'s or I.R.C.'s to: Mickey M. / 5 Springwell Rd. / Primrose / Jarrow / Tyen & Wear / NE32 5TL / England (or) CANOL CALED: Maesyllan Boncath /Dtfed / SA37 0HR Wales / U.K. (Steve D-Fekt)

SHEER TERROR / CRAWLPAPPY 7"
This comes in issue #29 of SUBURBAN VOICE zine (see zines). CRAWLPAPPY are pretty cool. They play slower-structured hardcore with some cool riffs. SHEER TERROR are lame. they've been built up as this extreme hate-core, fuck-the-world band, so I figure they've got some manic hate-filled thrash and fuck-society lyrics to back it up right? Instead I get this moronic sexist song "I don't wanna dance I just wanna get in your pants" that sounds like WARZONE playing ZZ TOP or ZZ TOP playing WARZONE or... who gives a fuck.
SUBURBAN VOICE c/o Al Quint / P.O. Box 1605 . Lynn, MA 01903

SHIT "Time to Think"
Torrential eruption of grindcore mayhem that will make you want to declare unrestrained warfare on religion, animal abuse, apathy, media, fascists and the rest of society's ills. Crucial: 4 punk points. (Felix)
TNT Records / Mattias Wiegand / Dresdenstraße 30 / 5400 Koblenz / (West) Germany

SKINFLUTES "Sawhorse" 7" EP
Mid-tempo pop punk in the Lookout vien. Cool lyrics against apathy and ignorance. (Felix)
Lookout Records / P.O. Box 11374 / Berkeley, CA 94701

SKUNK WEED 7"
The pot heads' punk band for certain. Noisy hardcore / punk I'd get into if I was stoned. Straight-edgers nightmare on pot green colored vinyl. IT comes with a booklet on the economic benefits of marijuana legalization. No lyric sheet but I can guess what these dudes are singing about. The most smokeable band since KRACK! (Felix)
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SOFA HEAD "What a Predicament" LP
Psycho Stan and company are at it again. This SOFA HEAD follow-up LP is another heaping helping of melodic hardcore, benefitting the performance this time around is increased production. Insightful lyrics and good songwriting make this a sound listening choice for many listening moods. (Sids)
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STIKKY "Cuddle" 7" EP
Nine heart-warming classics from the masters of geek core. A mix of the serious and the ridiculous treated in a silly fashion. Not ground-breaking musically but hella' funny especially "Team Gilligans Island". (Felix)
Slap A Ham / P.O. Box 843 / San Francisco, CA 94101

STILL LIFE Demo
This is an awful recording of a New York sounding band that sounds like JUDGE to me. I don't like it! Just doesn't suit my tastes or quench my ears thirst for sounds.(Crisis)
Still Life / 805 Lamp Post Ct. S.E. / Albuquerque, NM 87173

TEMPORARY INSANITY "T.I.D.C." Demo
Way fast speedcore thrashin' bashin' sounds here not unlike SLAYER minus the Satanic shit.The sound drops out to a very low sound,but it doesn't diminish the musical quality any, it just means turn up your sound system and thrash! (Crisis)
Temporary Insanity / 30 Emerald Road / Hahant, MA 01908

TERMINAL SOLUTION "Farce of Life VOL. II" Demo
OH NO! The recording is really horrendous on this D.I.Y. demo! Sounds as if they recorded it on their tape deck at their practice studio. Sorta reminds me of FINAL CONFLICT except not even near as powerful. The tunes are good and the lyrics are cool but could use some improvement.And a better recording to boot.(Crisis)
Terminal Solution / 1805 E. Market ST. #2 / New Albany, IN 47150

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Cyber brewed punk? 1 part Guitar, 1 part Vox, 3 parts sampled, Mix vigorously and you have a house mix GlamSlam would be proud of.
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Very Small / P.O. Box 8223 / Emeryville, CA 94662

V/A "City of L.A. Power"
So-Cal. pop punk is the rule on this comp. Not really my style but good for what it is. The L7 song is pretty cool. Gimmicky one-sided picture disc of a manhole cover. (Felix)
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V/A "If it's Too Loud You're an Asshole" 7" EP
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Mid-tempo American-style punk similar to AGENT ORGANE. Personal lyrics. (Felix)
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WORD MADE FLESH EP
The most startling thing here is the familiarity of Jae's voice as I easily recognized here as singing for New York anarchos A.P.P.L.E. a couple years back when they were still together. I cannot deny this will bring the obvious comparisons, but this is in a completely different style, more concentrating on mid-speed, rough hardcore. Lyrics about the banality of religion and other factors that influence our lives. There's something about this that makes me want to just keep flipping the record over continuously. (Troll)
Squat or Rot Records / P.O. Box 20012 / New York, NY 10009

YUPPIECIDE "Fistful of Credit Cards" 7" EP
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will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 1990 in New York City. Everyone is encourage to investigate, attend and otherwise support this important event and the growing movement it represents. Amnesty for all political prisoners now!!! See "The Anti-Authoritarian Movement and Political Prisoners" on page 6 for more information or write to: Freedom Now Tribunal / 24 East 116th Street / New York, NY 10029

1991 YOUTH LIB GATHERING

Organizing for the YOUTH LIB gathering is creeping along. A lot of people have pledged support and have been very helpful with ideas and suggestions. The gathering will probably be between 3-4 days long and held sometime between the end of May and the end of August 1991, in Ottawa, Canada.

Some suggestions for events have been: a picnic, a day (or days) of workshops and films, extensive networking, and possibly a gig. (the show is yet to be confirmed. If you are in a band and think you might be available, write us a letter).

If you are interested in doing a workshop, let us know as soon as possible. this will give us some idea of how many there will be so we can plan accordingly. There will be plenty of space for spontaneous workshops.

Further bulletins as events warrant them. For more information or to get involved, write to: Youth Liberation Network (Ottawa) c/o Uri / P.O. Box 4402, Station E / Ottawa, Ontario / K1S 5B4 / Canada

For Youth Liberation!! Smash the state and have a nice day!!!

We will continue to list events each issue in Profane Existence so long as they somewhat fall into the parameters of this zine...

A HAMBURG

"We won't move into your concrete Ghettos--You can't expell us from here"

Two houses on Hafenstraße (above and left). The houses at Hafenstraße are not squats, they got contracts with the city council three years ago (they were afraid of a big riot when they wanted to evict the houses). this year in May, 3000 cops came and the houses got searched. A spokesman said, "We found street maps of Oggersheim" (the village where Chancellor Kohl lives) so they think (and all the newspapers are full of it), that the people from the R.A.F. (Red Army Faction) live there and plan a bomb attack on Kohl. There's a lot of pressure at the moment as the government wants to close the project down as soon as they get the "yes" from the judge at court. In the past weekends hooligans and skinheads have tried to attack Hafenstraße but got bloody noses every time....

This building (above right) should have been torn down, but a group of people squatted it, got thrown out, squatted it again and got thrown out again. This went on and on and the squatter received a lot of good public support and the city council made contracts and gave the building to the squatters to self-renovate it. But now as a large part is already renovated by the squatters, the city wants to put Turkish families inside and kick the squatters out--trying to play one off against the other. The squatters are now trying to find another home for the Turkish people.

The "Red Flora" Abover far right, and right) is a squatted theater. This building was supposed to be the place for the "Phantom of the Opera," but a lot of people protested against this commercial "culture" in that area. The investor then got afraid and stopped his plans for the building, so people entered the construction site (a big part of the building had already been torn down), squatted it, and renovated a big part of the building. Nobody is living inside--it's a place for alternative culture--from hardcore to folk/classical shows, theater, political exhibitions, political meetings, vegetarian soup kitchen, a screen print room, practise room for bands, etc. Government plans are to build houses on the ground...

All of these houses are in the city center of Hamburg, but these are not all of the houses of this kind here. For more information or contact, write: Stefan Riebesell / Vereinsstr. 29 / 2000 Hamburg 36 / W. Germany

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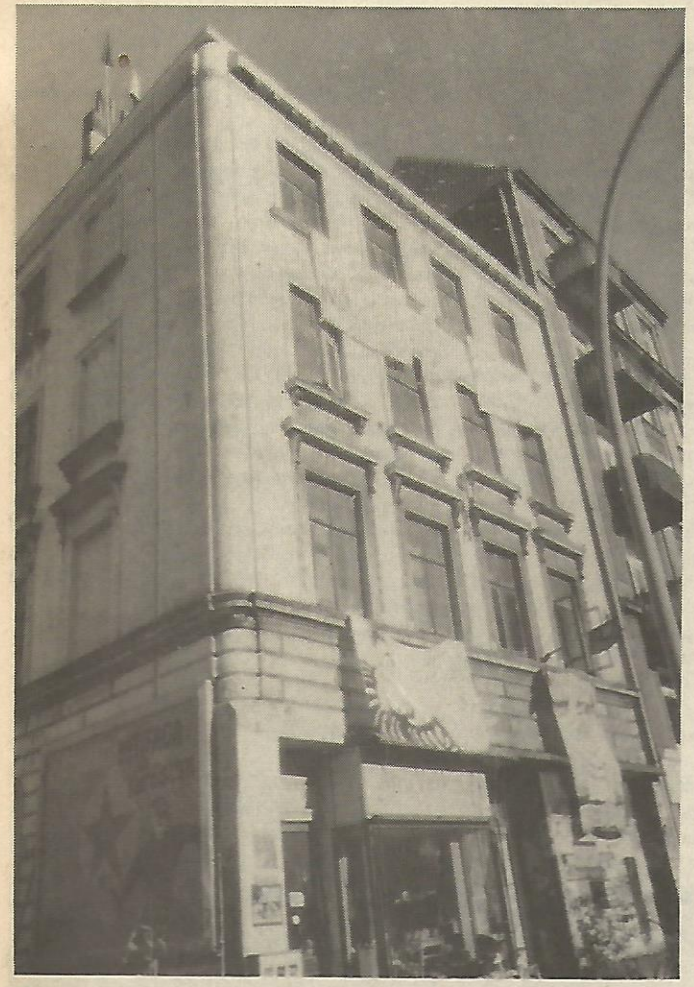

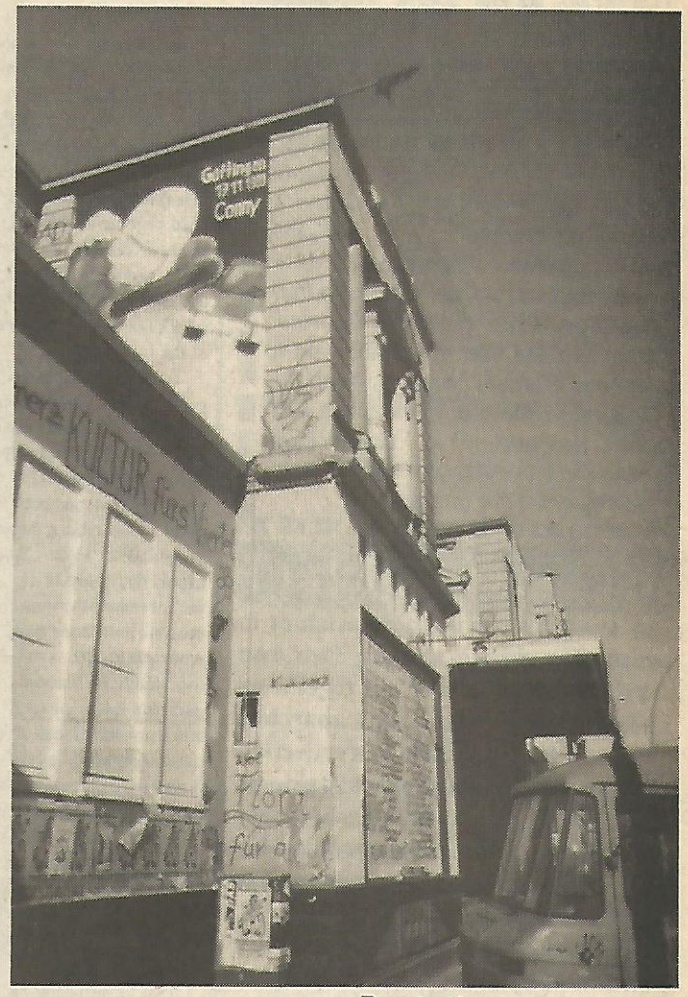

Due to the generally more lengthy interviews in this issue, we've had to reduce the size of the "Events, Trave, Adventure, Whatever, Etc" section for this issue. Next issue will see the resurfacing of Iggy's Travel Guide where she teams up with another travel-wise P.E.er to produce the difinitive guide of things to do in London and still be hip and crazy...

ANARCHIST YOUTH

A.Y.F.

FEDERATION

In each issue of Profane Existence there will be one page devoted to updating readers on AYF and affiliate activities. Please feel free to write and let us know about the happenings of your group as we would love to pass that information on to others. Please, however, send this information to the Minneapolis AYF P.O. Box and not to Profane Existence as this will be put together seperately from the magazine.

AYF STARTER PACKET

A s part of our ongoing attempt to assist other cities in starting their own AYF affiliates we have put together a packet to help people start anarchist groups. This packet will be a collection of articles on starting anarchist groups as well as numerous samples of literature which could be phototcopied for distribution, or used as a starting point for the creation of original material. There is also descriptions of activities performed by other AYF chapters to give an example of what can be done once young people organize to fight for freedom. A small donation is requested for printing and mailing of these packets. To get a starter-packet write to the Miineapolis chapeter, listed below.

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NYDAC calls it quits, New York AYF formed

By Dan (NYAYF)

In early September, after two and a half years of activity, NYDAC (New York Direct Action Network) decided to call it quits. a break up seen by many as a long-time coming. Besides being the New York contact for the Anarchist Youth Federation, NYDAC participated in many varying activities including Food Not Bombs vegan soup kitchen, several hunt sabotage actions, anti-McDonald's demonstrations and much more. The network also held regular Friday workshop/meetings that were open to the public, and gave an opportunity for many people's first contact with anarchism. Since the start, more than 500 people had come and gone in NYDAC, with many new faces flooding in even at the last meeting.

So why the break-up? To the majority of participants, the six months previous to NYDAC's demise seemed greatly polarized, and plagued with in fighting, infiltrators, and generally irresponsible people. Little got done and meetings often regressed to shouting matches between rival factions (i.e. militants vs. pacifists, hippies vs. punks, vegans vs. vegetarians, etc.). The many different factions blocked any sort of action from being planned, and the increased the amount of people there for social reasons held back those serious for change. There were quite a few arguments over the group focusing too much on animal rights, the fact that many pacifists had anti-choice beliefs, etc. The group structure was also ill-equipped to deal with so many participants, and every time an attempt to to revise it was made, cries of "authoritarian" rose up. September marked the funeral for a once strong group.

this disbanding may seem negative for many, but it marks a step of progress for many more. Since September, three distinctive groups have formed. The first is A.W.O.L. (A World of Love) which is made up of the more animal rights and hippie-orientated people. It is a pacifist group and is open to everyone.

The second is T-DA (Those Damned Anarchists), a collective formed for singular subjects and outreach, mostly being workshops and forums. Work has already begun on presenting herbalism, with much more planned.

Finally, a New York Anarchist Youth Federation has been set up. NYAYF has a more "Class War," non-pacifist viewpoint, and is attempting to educate young people not often reached by anarchism (black and Latino youth, metallers, etc.). The group will also be more security-conscious (one of the big splits in NYDAC was over being an "open group" or not), and will hold more unifying and practical actions (i.e. anti-gentrification demonstrations, anti-multinational actions, disseminating direct action information, etc. A NYAYF newsletter is also planned.

As a mark of unity, the three groups endorsed and participated in the October 20 march against U.S. intervention in the Middle East, as part of the anarchist contingent.

Contacts (send SASE for more info.):

NYAYF
P.O. Box 365, Canal St. Sta.
New York, NY 10013-0365

A.W.O.L. c/o
25 Van Dam St.
Brooklyn, NY 11222

Mid-South AYF update

By J.P.

This is an update on what's going on with the Mid-South AYF. Lately we've caught some shit for defending ourselves when a debate with a racist turned violent, but that is a different story... The fair came to town and they had a rodeo. since many of us are into animal rights (after-all, speciesism is a form of hierarchy) we went out and passed out thousands of flyers. After that there was a P.E.T.A.-sponsored demonstration against L'Oreal. there we learned that a new anti-vivisection group is forming forming in Memphis. They have concrete goals and I wish them luck. Anyway, the best thing about this march was when we passed a horse and carriage and everyone started yelling at them. We passed another carriage that didn't have a horse on it so a few people spit on it.

Up next was an anti-Apartheid demo at a Shell Station. Only about 25 of us showed up (of course our first one only had about 32 people) but this one got a bit more exciting. A couple of confrontations with white supremacists spiced up the day, especially when a guy from the local newspaper started talking about white power. A girl that worked there had her boyfriend come say stuff but he drove off when we threw it back in his face. Towards the end of a couple of guys started circling the block in their cars and talking on car phones. They were trying to antagonize us into starting a fight. I think they might have been undercover cops or FBI agents.

October 28 was the "Walk for Peace and Justice" sponsored by a local peace group. I didn't go to this but a friend told me what happened. It was a 6 mile walk to raise funds for the Mid South Peace and Justice center by having sponsors pay you like 10¢ for every mile you walked. Then you would give the money to Mid South Peace and Justice Center. The police followed the march and hassled them but nothing happened.

Other activities that anarchists have been responsible for consist of, but no limited to, fly-posting, hanging of banners, graffiti messages, and loads of leafletting. We are starting a newsletter also. Fight back!

There will be an A.Y.F. action contingent formed in Minneapolis for participation in animal rights, anti-war demonstrations, etc. For information on upcoming events, or to be included on an emergency response telephone tree, write to the Minneapolis address.

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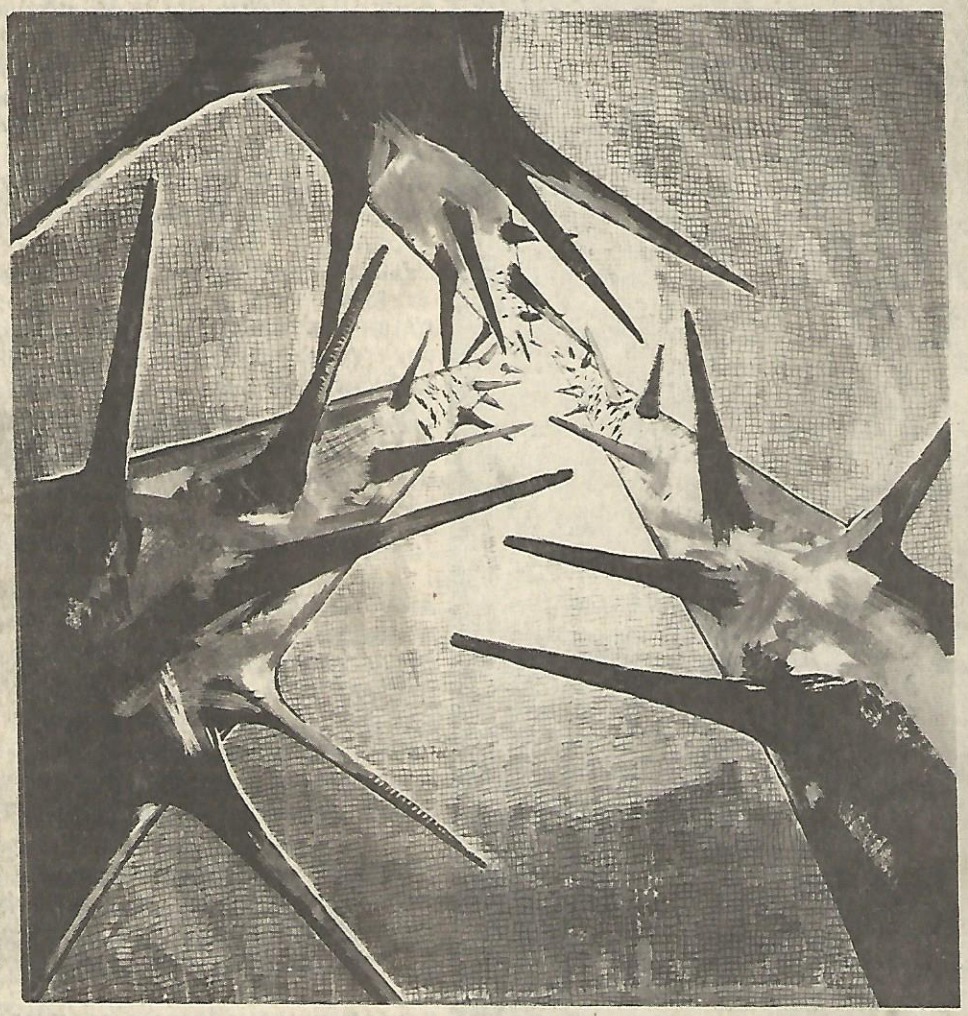

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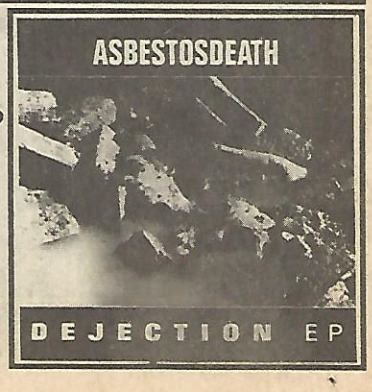
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